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FILTHY HOME FATHER JAILED

A FATHER has been locked up for two years for keeping his neglected children in a filthy home littered with vodka bottles, dirty plates and swarming with flies.

The man, who is in his 40s and from Wolverhampton but cannot be named for legal reasons, mistreated his children aged between two and 14.

The city's crown court heard this week how authorities were alerted to the family in June after one of the youngsters was taken to hospital for a burn on their foot.

Judge John Wait said when the police arrived at the property they found 'not a home but squalor'.

Flies

The children were unkempt, their hair and clothing smelled, they had poor dental hygiene, head lice and were described as 'emotionally flat' or with 'frozen awareness' by doctors.

The house smelled and had flies. There were also dirty plates and cutlery piled up, filthy walls and empty vodka bottles strewn on the floor.

The youngsters' sleeping conditions and bedding were 'not appropriate' and the older children were 'almost obligated' to look after the younger children and do the shopping. The court heard that, on occasions, there was not enough food.

An older child also said she was unable to bathe at times as the bath had been used as a toilet and not been cleaned.

All of the children are now in foster care. The man pleaded guilty to neglect at an appearance in January.

By Simon Stone

At this week's sentencing hearing, Judge Wait said: "Parents have a duty to care for, nurture, and love their children and look after them.

"You have not worked for 16 years. There have been concerns for your caring for your children over the years, which in 2011 gave rise to a supervision order and family proceedings - but you have since had further children."

Neglect

He said the man's neglect was 'born of his inadequacies rather than malice'.

Mr O'Gorman, defending, said what happened was a 'complete breakdown of care'. "The harm the children suffered was significant but it was of a hygienic nature. They did not suffer injuries." he said.

"It is obvious, I hope, that however incompetent and however at times selfish, this man loves his children and his children love him. "There has to be a very strong likelihood that they will never be together again as a family and that's a punishment."

Judge Wait added that the man was an alcoholic and he should use his two years behind bars to 'dry out'.

Inferno destroys care firm offices

Firemen battle to damp down the blaze at the care services premises in Linthouse Lane, Wednesfield

A SUSPECTED arson attack ravaged the offices of a care service company in Wednesfield, destroying important records of more than 200 looked after people.

The office of Charter Care on Linthouse Lane, Ashmore Park, which acted as a base for staff who provide care for people across Wolverhampton and Walsall, was left in ruins after the fire broke out in the early hours of Sunday.

It is the second arson attack in the area within days, with the fire service and police already investigating a suspicious blaze at St Alban's Primary School last Thursday night. The building was used by 80 members of staff including carers and administrative workers, who will now have to report to the company's Oldbury office.

Awful

Angela Hartill, Charter Care office manager, said services to clients would not be affected despite the setback.

She spoke of her sadness as she surveyed the scene of the attack: "Everything we needed to provide care to our patients, all of our records, medical information, everything was inside the building and it has all just gone up in smoke," she said. "When I was told what had happened at first I didn't know what to expect, to come down and see this was awful. It is an absolutely huge inconvenience for the company and our staff.

"Thankfully no-one was hurt but the sheer amount of important paperwork inside means we have a major job on our hands to simply pick up and start work again now."

Firefighters from Fallings Park station were called to reports of a bin being on fire on the premises at 4.06am. As the blaze took hold, further help was drafted in.

Couple in fake goods racket are sentenced

AN online fake goods racket earned a couple £180,000. Joanne and Simon Geddes printed logos of Disney, Hello Kitty, Justin Bieber and One Direction onto merchandise before selling it via Amazon and eBay.

The operation was run from the living room at their home in Eversley Grove, Sedgley and Paypal payments of £180,000 passed through their bank.

Logos

Wolverhampton Crown Court heard that the pair had set up a legitimate enterprise called Baby Smiles to sell personalised gifts but later offered T-shirts and gym bags with trademarked logos without permission.

Joanne Geddes, 42, previously admitted 23 offences relating to making and possessing items with intention to sell counterfeit goods, and one of money laundering. Simon Geddes, 44, admitted 11 offences of aiding and abetting his wife to make counterfeit goods, and one of money laundering.

They were both sentenced to 15-month jail terms for each offence suspended for two years and 120 hours unpaid work. Mrs Geddes must serve a nine-month supervision order. A further 12 offences relating to Simon Geddes will lie on file.

Curtain up on Grand boss

THE chief executive of Lichfield's Garrick Theatre has taken on the top job at the Wolverhampton Grand.

Adrian Jackson, who has been at the Garrick for eight years, has moved to the Wolverhampton venue following the retirement of Peter Cutchie.

Mr Jackson is credited with spearheading the development of the Garrick. Theatre spokesman James Leavesley, said: "We wish Adrian all the best in his move to the Grand Theatre."

Store to go in move to spruce up areas

A SUPERMARKET will be demolished as part of new plans to regenerate the Summer Row area of Wolverhampton city centre.

Summer Row has been a mess ever since its £300 million regeneration project dramatically collapsed in 2011.But the council now wants to clear up the area and attract new investment, with shops, restaurants and housing in the pipeline.

The old Netto supermarket will be torn down in the coming months as part of the work, as will a former balti restaurant.

Investments

Cleveland Street and its surrounding roads will also be spruced up to make the area as attractive as possible before attempting to accrue big-money investments.

Regeneration boss Councillor Peter Bilson said: "It is a key area. When we came into control in December 2010 one of our first actions was to establish a regeneration fund for Southside.

"We first had to help some of the smaller businesses where we could. It takes time to move things forward and we're getting to that stage now."

Netto, in Snow Hill, closed in 2009. Demolition will take place in the next few months.

School blaze was arson

A SEVERE fire at St Albans Primary School in Wednesfield was arson, it has been confirmed.

Around 40 firefighters attended the huge blaze on Thursday night which saw huge flames tear through the roof of the school.

West Midlands Fire Service and West Midlands Police have now confirmed they are treating the fire as arson. Anyone with information on the blaze is asked to call police on 101.

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Metro delays? No worries, just walk

MIDLAND Metro users facing delays due to long running engineering work are being handed leaflets about the benefits of walking to the station.

The leaflets and free pedometers for people to monitor their steps are being handed out by transport authority Centro at Metro stops including Wednesbury Parkway.

Centro has stressed the pedometers and leaflets are being handed out as part of a 'health travel' scheme and are nothing to do with overrunning work.

But the scheme was branded a 'cheek' as it has been launched at the same time that Metro users are having to use replacement bus services or walk the extra distance from Wolverhampton's Royal stop, as the trams are unable to get all the way to St George's in the city centre.

A £4.5 million upgrade was meant to have been completed at the end of November 2014 but is dragging on until March after an abandoned mine shaft was discovered.

Commuter Antony Ellis, aged 31, from Wednesbury was unimpressed after being handed a pedometer and a leaflet.

He said: "The timing for this is a bit of a cheek given that many people are not getting the full service they are paying for on the Metro at the moment.

"The trams broke down a lot over Christmas and for many people there was no choice but to walk."

Centro said the scheme was a region wide one to encourage more people to walk to their station.

Healthy outlook after leisure centres revamp

THE revamp of Wolverhampton City Council's leisure centres has attracted 1,600 new members since its launch last month.

This has seen 29 different categories of membership reduced to six, fees cut to more competitive rates and a raft of new classes introduced.

Details are still being finalised on how many of the 2,900 people holding monthly membership before the changes have bought into the new system, but organisers hope to reach their overall target figure of 3,800 well before the end of the year deadline.

There is currently a four-day waiting list for the 45-minute induction course for new arrivals.

Councillor Elias Mattu, Cabinet member for leisure and communities said: "We are very, very pleased with the way this has started."

Practical

"We have worked hard to produce a model that is practical and deliverable and we are determined to ensure this works. The reduction of categories has made it a lot easier for people to understand what they are getting for their money."

Mr Chris Huddart, the council's head of commercial services, added: "The figures are very encouraging but we are aware that there is usually a spike in demand immediately after Christmas and we have got to be a lot smarter in the way we try to ensure that members stay with us."

One of the moves is to make greater use of the e-mail address of members to keep them involved. Classes at the centres, Bert Williams Leisure Centre, Aldersley Leisure Centre and the Central Baths, are set to be boosted from 40 to 180 with 100 already up and running.

WV Active is the name given to the new look leisure service.

Skills show insight is just the job

INFORMATION on the skills required by employers and qualifications needed for future careers will be available at an event in Wolverhampton.

The City of Wolverhampton College's Skills Show is at Wolverhampton Racecourse on March 18.

The event is an opportunity to meet employers, find out about apprenticeships and job opportunities, and get information on college courses that will lead to the qualifications needed for their chosen career.

Visitors will also be able to have a go at a range of work-related activities to give them a taste of the practical skills they would develop in different industries, including timed wheel change and carpentry challenges, bricklaying, spray painting, computer games testing, music sequencing, 3D modelling, neck massages, nail art and cup cake decoration.

The show will run from 10am-7pm and is open to people of all ages. Places can be booked online at www.wolvcoll.ac.uk/event/skillsshow and everyone registering will be entered into a free prize draw to win £100 in shop vouchers.

Bostin' breakfast is a sizzler

Owner Glynis Penny, with staff Ashleigh Howes, Michelle Jukes, and Linda O'Neil

A WOLVERHAMPTON cafe's bostin' breakfast has won runner-up in a top national competition.

Penny's Cafe in Penn, Wolverhampton, earned second prize for the Best Breakfast Awards 2015.

Glynis Penny, 55, from Wolverhampton, owner of the prize-winning cafe, said she was proud: "It's a nice achievement, it tells you you're doing something right. We do our best to please the customers."

Glynis' full English breakfast won the award in the Best Café, Coffee Shop and Farm Shop category. Glynis put her awarding winning down to presentation, consistency and taste. Customer's voted for the breakfast online and in the cafe.

The competition showcases the range and quality of breakfasts being served all over the UK. It is open to food outlets of all types such as cafes, pubs, restaurants, hotels and even food vans and hospitals.

The awards take place as part of Breakfast Week which ran in January.

New A&E unit 'will be one of the finest'

A BADLY-NEEDED A&E unit at Wolverhampton's New Cross Hospital will be one of the finest in the country, it has been claimed

The hospital is spending £38m on a new Emergency Centre which opens in November. The cost recently rose by £8m with bosses adding an Acute Medical Unit (AMU) to the centre's second floor.

Chief executive David Loughton said: "We will have one of the UK's most advanced emergency buildings and urgent care systems, supporting our staff with the very best facilities and enabling us to continue to put our patients first.

"These facilities and other investments we are making form a crucial part of our drive and commitment to provide safer and higher quality care for the communities we serve.

"It will ensure we have one of the UK's most advanced emergency buildings and urgent care services. This is very good news for the population we serve."

Record patient numbers has gone through the doors on the hospital's A&E unit in recent years. Mr Loughton said the A&E situation was the worst he had seen in his career.

Pilot chance will go fast

AVIATION enthusiasts have the chance to get in the pilots seat at a popular event.

Tickets for RAF Cosford's annual open cockpits evening are now on sale, with events to be held in May and September.

Only 300 tickets are available for each event, and as it sells out each year the museum has doubled the number of evenings to cope with demand.

The dates are May 15 and 16, and September 18 and 19, from 6-9pm. Details on www.rafmuseum.org/cosford

Storytime fun

ANIMAL-THEMED storytelling sessions will be held this half-term at Wightwick Manor in Wolverhampton.

The sessions for children will celebrate National Storytelling Week. Sessions will be held at the property every half hour on February 14 /15 and February 21/22.

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Trader in CCTV purge on danger motorists

FED-UP with reckless and dangerous driving outside his shop, Ian Davies has taken matters into his own hands.

The father-of-five runs electrical store, Geo E Davies in Trysull Road, Wolverhampton, in the middle of a traffic blackspot.

Now, in a bid to highlight and tackle the problem, the 50-year-old is posting videos from his CCTV camera on Twitter and YouTube.

His Bradmore shop has seen it all – cars overtaking long lines of traffic, motorists driving for up to 100 yards on the wrong side of the road and near-misses.

Frequent

One of the most frequent problems he has captured is drivers attempting to beat long queues towards the mini-roundabout.

Motorists have also been using Mr Davies's shop frontage to drive across to cut out the jams.

"Someone is going to get seriously injured because when you cross a road you don't expect a vehicle to come speeding up on the wrong side," he said.

Mr Davies has caught on camera an average of six incidents per morning since fitting the CCTV in November.

£100k more in grants aid

A TRANSPORT company has pledged a further £100,000 in community grants for the West Midlands. The National Express Foundation provides grants of £2,500 or £5,000 to community groups working with young people.

Anthony Vigor, foundation chairman, said: "The quality of applications for funding from the National Express Foundation last year exceeded our expectations. We are investing another £100,000 into the Foundation this year."

Go to www.nationalexpressgroup.com/foundation

City church plan

PLANS have gone in for a community centre and place of worship near Wolverhampton city centre.

Independent non-denominational church the Oasis of Love International Centre wants to build the centre in Walsall Street, Horseley Fields.

JLR drive for £14m flagship city showroom

How showroom will look

JAGUAR Land Rover is to open a £14 million flagship showroom and dealership in Wolverhampton creating around 70 new jobs.

The motoring giant plans to transform the former Metal Castings site in Penn Road, which has been empty for more than 10 years. Work could start as early as May with the site opening for business in early 2016.

It is a second major commitment from Jaguar Land Rover to the city after the opening of its £500 million engine factory at the i54 site which will see up to 1,400 jobs created. The dealership site covers four acres and will include a showroom and a service centre.

Matt Parry from developer Cranford said: "In the context of the huge investment that Jaguar and Land Rover have committed to the city of Wolverhampton, working closely with the local authority, to open the i54 engine plant, a decision was made to seek a partner to develop a flagship retail dealership for the city.

"The dealership will create circa 70 new jobs for Wolverhampton. The operator of the dealerships is yet to be finalised but it is widely expected to be a local group with extensive experience of the Jaguar Land Rover brands." The dealership is described as being located in one of Jaguar Land Rover's 'key locations'. The site was previously earmarked for a major unnamed national retailer as part of a £13m shopping development.

Prior to that there was also plans for a 120-bedroom hotel complex. The main customer entrance will be facing Penn Road. Metal Castings had made car and washing machine parts for more than a century but it closed in 2004 with the loss of 40 jobs.

The proposals for the dealership have been submitted to Wolverhampton City Council planners.

Teenagers found guilty of gang violence outside hotel

By Simon Stone

THESE horrifying scenes show the moment gang-related violence flared in broad daylight outside a city centre hotel.

Mobile phone footage taken by an onlooker shows how the mass brawl unfolded on Lichfield Street outside the Britannia Hotel.

Families could only stand and watch as the shocking scenes involving several teenagers played out. The footage can now be revealed after two were found guilty of taking part in gang-related violence that saw a gun fired and a teenage girl hit with a hammer. At least two more youths were armed with knives when rival gangs clashed.

At Wolverhampton Crown Court, a jury found a 16-year old boy, who cannot be named for legal reasons, guilty of possessing an imitation firearm with intent. A 17-year-old youth, who also cannot be named, was found guilty of possessing a knife.

They were both convicted by unanimous verdicts. Both were given conditional bail and will be sentenced on March 6.

Chased

During the trial, Mr Philip Beardwell, prosecuting, described the brawl at 8pm on April 19 as 'a very serious and ugly incident of public disorder'.

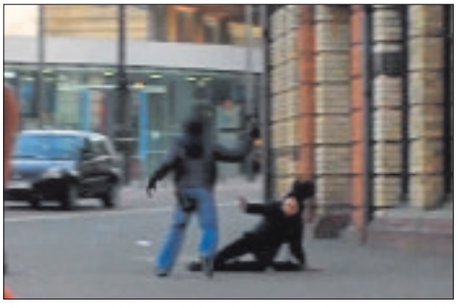
Footage of the violence, captured on a mobile phone by a member of the public, showed a youth armed with a hammer being chased into the Britannia by two other teens, one of whom had a knife.

A scuffle followed in the foyer that was captured on the hotel's CCTV and was also shown to the court. Two teenagers admitted their involvement in this incident at an earlier court hearing.

During the trial, the court heard how a group of five girls heading for a night out after arriving at the bus station were enveloped by the youths fighting in the street.

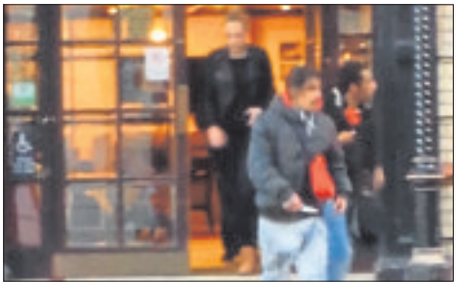
The 17-year-old was seen waving a knife around moments before the girls heard a gunshot. The 16-year-old was then seen with what appeared to be a firearm that was then pointed at three of the girls.

Phone footage captured a boy, 16, clutching a hammer, approaching a blonde girl bent over double on the ground



The 16-year-old is seen lifting the hammer above another girl as she holds her hands up to defend herself outside the hotel

The teenager with the hammer backs into the Britannia Hotel as another wielding a knife edges closer to him



As the knifeman calmly walks away from the Britannia Hotel, Wolverhampton, a knife blade can be seen

A blank bullet casing was recovered from the scene. Mr Beardwell said it could not be proved that a real gun was involved. "But you can be sure that it was at least an imitation firearm," he said.

Giving evidence during the trial, a 17-year-old girl said she had seen a group of around 15 youths running towards the Prince Albert pub and then back towards the hotel. "One of them came towards one of my friends who was standing behind me," she said. "He was swinging a hammer and shouting threats at my friend.

"As he raised the hammer in the air I grabbed his arm. We were pushing each other and I dropped to the floor.

"As that happened one of his friends kicked me hard in the ribs.

"Then the youth with the hammer hit me with it on the spine quite hard."

At an earlier hearing, Nathaniel Nugent, 18, of Pembridge Road, Blurton, Stoke-on-Trent, admitted possession of a knife and affray. A 16-year-old boy from Wolverhampton, who cannot be named for legal reasons, also admitted possession of a hammer and affray. They will be sentenced at the same time as the two youths.

The prosecution dropped a charge of affray against Shamar Fairclough, 19, of Coppice Green Lane, Shifnal who agreed to be bound over 12 months in the sum of £200.

Mark Tobin, deputy manager of the Britannia Hotel, said: "I heard a bang which was like a firearm. "

He said the whole episode lasted five or six minutes. "I was shocked about what I had seen," he added.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Sharp dip in the profits for JLR

THERE was a sharp dip in profits at Jaguar Land Rover at the end of last year. In the three months to the end of December pre-tax profit of £685 million was down 18.6 per cent compared to the same period the year before.

Revenue for the three months was up 10.3 per cent to £5.88 billion, thanks to the success of top-priced models and a rise in wholesale delivers to dealerships.

JLR, has a £500m engine factory at the i54 site on the outskirts of Wolverhampton.

Speed cut for a main city route

THE speed limit on a section of a main route in Wolverhampton is set to be reduced to 30mph.

The change on Penn Road will see the legally permissible speed brought down from 40mph for the southern end of the road towards Lloyd Hill island.

The city council wants to bring in the change after residents voiced fears about road safety. Work on a pedestrian crossing between Buttons Farm Road and Springhill Lane is due to start.

Register to vote, stresses city MP

AN MP has urged people to register to vote. It is estimated that 7.5 million eligible voters are absent from the electoral register.

This adds up to more than 30 times the population of Wolverhampton.

Emma Reynolds, Labour MP for Wolverhampton North East said: "It has never been more important to make people aware of the power they hold if they register to vote."

Tickled by city return of Doddy

ICONIC comedian Ken Dodd is returning to Wolverhampton later this year.

The 87-year-old is celebrating an incredible 60 years in showbusiness this year. Dodd has regularly sold out shows at Wolverhampton Civic Hall and returns in December. He is known for his long shows which sometimes continue until the early hours.

Call to ex-pupils

A CALL has gone out for ex pupils of a Wolverhampton school to inspire the current generation to academic success. St Peter's Collegiate School wants alumni to support students as role models.

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

GO Set a Watchman is the title of Harper Lee's forthcoming novel. Curious. I assumed the sequel to To Kill a Mockingbird would be To Cook a Mockingbird.

ANYONE else surprised at the reports describing the bus-v-tree incident in London as a "freak accident?" If the bus is too high and the tree branch is too low, that's not freakery. It's maths.

WAY back in ye olden days we kids were expected to know our times tables by the time we left infant school at seven. We learned them by reciting them.

The latest plan, to teach kids their times tables by the age of 11, was described this week as "ambitious." And while we're on the subject. In primary school, we 1950s kids understood verbs, nouns, adjectives and adverbs. We did long division and multiplication. We did nature study and art, history, geography and PE. We sang sea shanties around the piano and did country dancing to the wireless. We could recite the Magnificat and the Beatitudes. And we were never, ever given any homework.

A POLICE campaign against thefts from vans in the West Midlands shows thieves breaking open a van's rear door in just six seconds and stealing valuable tools. Of course, drivers should leave nothing inside worth nicking. But surely the van makers must share the blame. Modern car-door locks make it virtually impossible to drive away a vehicle without the key. So why can the rear doors on a van be breached in six seconds?

BEST moment by far in Inside the Commons (BBC2) came when the new Rotherham MP Sarah Champion, flushed with success after getting a clause inserted in the law on child abuse, was talking excitedly to the camera.

Suddenly David Cameron passed across the screen behind her and, barely stopping, said: "Well spoken. That was very good." So this is our Sarah, the woman of the people, the no-nonsense, ecky-thump socialist from Oop North. She's unexpectedly face-to-face with the uber-toff Tory from Downing Street, the heir to Thatcher, and he's saying sweet things to her. So how did she react? May a hint of shock and irritation. But also a girlish fluster, like a lass unexpectedly kissed by someone she secretly fancied. It was a reminder that the Palace of Westminster is a seductive club which draws in even those MPs who are determined to be outsiders. A reminder, too, that MPs tend to be closer to each other than they are to us, the people.

THINGS to do on a snowy day. I didn't know until this week that the DVLA website offers a free service to find out the tax status of any motor vehicle. A reader tells me he belongs to a motor club which used the website to check the status of 300 entrants to a rally. Although all t displayed tax discs 50 of them, according to the DVLA, were untaxed or incorrectly registered.

A REPORT in Wales proposes "breaking up the old-boy network" by setting limits on how long local councillors can serve. This is revolutionary stuff. At present, councillors can be in power from puberty to the grave, so long as they represent one of those seats where a three-toed sloth would get elected if it wore the right-coloured rosette. Council chambers are full of the municipal equivalent of bed-blockers who soldier on long after they have served their purpose, dunking their free biscuits in their free tea. So what maximum length of term does the Welsh report suggest? Five years? Ten years, perhaps? Nope. The proposed limit is 25 years. Small revolution in Wales; not many affected. Back to your biscuits, grandad.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

We'll pay more to protect services

TAXPAYERS in Wolverhampton say they are willing to pay more council tax if it protects vital services.

Wolverhampton City Council ran a two-month consultation with residents over the budget for the financial year 2015/16, as it grapples with £123 million worth of cuts over five years.

In the survey filled out by 591 people, 48 per cent of people said they would pay more council tax to safeguard services. The response comes despite five years of Government incentives to freeze council tax by offering authorities the equivalent of a one per cent increase.

However, the city council is planning to reject this offer and hike council tax by 1.99 per cent, the maximum allowed before triggering a referendum on the budget. Residents answering the survey said services to protect vulnerable children should be spared cuts, followed by care for the elderly and adults. The consultation results were discussed at a meeting of the city council's cabinet.

Councillor Andrew Johnson, cabinet member responsible for resources, said: "We asked people to rank services which were most important and they wanted to be protected from the cuts.

"Top of their priority was protecting children and a close second was providing care for the elderly and vulnerable adults. The other was ensuring enough school places for the city's children. 48 per cent said they were willing to pay more council tax if it helped protect services.

End of operation wait, pledge hospital chiefs

THE cancelled operations nightmare at New Cross Hospital will end, health boss have proclaimed as patients began getting treated in Staffordshire.

Patients were this week getting free buses from Wolverhampton's New Cross to Cannock for surgery as radical multi-million pound takeover plans finally came to fruition.

More than 650 operations were cancelled at the Wednesfield-based hospital in 2007, more than at any Black Country or Staffordshire hospital.

But with surgery being moved to Cannock from this week chiefs say they will end the misery caused to thousands patients, who, in recent years, have seen their operations cancelled at the last minute.

Vital

A £23million cash injection at Cannock Chase Hospital has funded five orthopaedic operating theatres, with a team of more than 20 surgeons performing non-emergency surgery. Orthopaedics involves hip, knee, foot, ankle and joint replacement surgeries.

And from November this year a further two operating theatres will also open at the hospital.

Cancer referrals are also being transferred to Cannock as bosses free up vital space at New Cross to cope with the mountain of emergency work which has seen its A&E unit besieged with patients.

By Tim Spiers

Helen Read, trauma and orthopaedics boss at the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust, said: "From now on the Cannock Chase unit is purely for elective orthopaedic cases so there will be no shortage of beds and no operations cancelled."

"The Cannock Chase unit will only deal with elective surgery cases while all trauma and emergency surgery will be carried out at New Cross Hospital."

It comes after the dissolution of Mid Staffordshire NHS Trust and the transfer to the trust that runs New Cross and the University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) of Cannock Chase Hospital and the County Hospital (formerly Stafford Hospital).

The services involved are gynaecological surgery, emergency and inpatient general surgery, trauma surgery and two-week wait cancer referrals.

Rail line work put back

ENGINEERING work that would have meant big diversions for rail users has been postponed. The work to improve the line between Birmingham and London was planned for the weekends of February 14/15 and 21/22.

Passengers would have been diverted onto the Chiltern line between Birmingham, Banbury and London Marylebone.

However a huge 350,000 ton landslide at Harbury has meant part of the Chiltern route between Warwickshire and Oxfordshire will be closed for several weeks meaning the work will be postponed.

Blaze-hit school thanks helpers

Freya Cox, 4, with executive headteacher Helen Morris, at The Hub At Ashmore Park

THE headteacher of a school ravaged by fire says the community reaction has been 'heartwarming' - as youngsters began lessons at other schools around Wolverhampton

Arson-hit St Albans Primary School in Wednesfield was closed for the week and will not reopen until after half term.

It went up in flames Thursday night with fire tearing through the roof of the school hall.

It is believed to have started after vandals accessed the flat roof and set fire to a disused water tank.

The school's 177 pupils began lessons elsewhere. Berrybrook Primary School in Underhill has taken on pupils from Reception up to Year 4, while Coppice High School is hosting Year 5 and Year 6 children.

And The Hub at Ashmore Park, which caters for the area's library and community centre, has accommodated nursery youngsters.

St Albans executive headteacher Helen Morris said: "The reaction from everyone offering to help has been heart-warming - it's shown there's a lot of community spirit around here. They've gone out of their way to accommodate the pupils."

Another donation has come from Oak Meadow Primary School which has leant out its minibus.

Time for tea, says charity fundraiser

A WOMAN who owns a bridal shop in Wolverhampton band has beaten ovarian cancer is urging people to put the kettle on to raise money for charity.

Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month is taking place in March. Adele Edwards from Stafford is calling on fundraisers to participate in a special campaign being run by The Eve Appeal called Make Time For Tea.

The aim is to encourage people to host a fundraising tea party with family and friends on March 1. Mrs Edwards is keen to help raise money for the charity after battling the disease.

Torch

She has now passed the five year milestone as cancer-free and in 2012 she was chosen to carry the Olympic torch in Stafford. She runs her own bridal store called Adele Louise Bridal Shop in School Street, Wolverhampton.

The Make Time For Tea campaign has the backing of celebrity TV presenters Claudia Winkleman and Dr Christian Jensen.

Last year, 177 tea parties were held across the country raising almost £53,000 for The Eve Appeal. For details call 0207 6050100 or go to www.eveappeal.org.uk/tea

Beauty of a college deal

COLLEGE students are providing a range of relaxing treatments for people in need of a little pampering, from manicures to non-surgical facelifts.

The City of Wolverhampton College's beauty training academy is open between 9am and 4pm Monday to Friday.

Treatments on offer also include pedicures, nail extensions, facials, tanning and waxing. Aromatherapy, sports massage and Indian head massages are available as well. Treatments are carried out by students who are supervised.

Toilets vetoed

NEW public toilets will not be built in Willenhall despite a plea from the public.

Council chiefs say there is no funding currently available. The loos were closed and then demolished last summer under cost-cutting measures by Walsall Council to save over £24,000 a year.

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Benefits capped for 4,000 in region

MORE than 4,000 households across the West Midlands have had their benefits capped.

Figures from the Department of Work and Pensions show 4,153 households had their benefits capped since April 2013. The statistics show the cap has affected 287 households in Wolverhampton, 339 in Sandwell and 263 in Walsall.

MP Iain Duncan Smith, Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, said: "As well as restoring fairness to the system, and saving the taxpayer money, the benefit cap provides a clear incentive to people to get into work.

"Today's figures show that the cap has led to hundreds of people breaking free from welfare dependency every week, and gaining the financial security and esteem which comes with a job and pay packet."

Capping benefits means that no-one can claim more in out-of-work benefits than the average household earnings, whereas previously benefit claims could rise to the equivalent salary of £74,000 or beyond.

The policy was introduced in April 2013 and most recent estimates suggest that it will save almost £225 million over two years.

Two to face murder trial

TWO men have denied the murder of a 21-year-old man who was found stabbed to death in a Wolverhampton street.

David Watkins, 24, of Clem Attlee Court, Parkview Road, and Jake Henson, 19, of P3 Hostel, Wellington Road, both Bilston, are accused of killing father-of-one Josh Price in Treynham Close, Stowlawn, on September 27.

The two were remanded in custody by Wolverhampton Crown Court to stand trial on May 18. Mr Price's body was found near his flat in Park View Road, Bilston.

Lanes to close

LANES will be closed on a busy Wolverhampton road. Parts of Ring Road St Mark's by the new Sainsbury's supermarket will close from Monday until March 6.

Lanes will shut between the Chapel Ash island and St Mark's Road.

We're going nowhere, says 'for sale' club

For Sale image of Bilston Town Football Club

FOOTBALL club bosses were shocked to discover their stadium had apparently been put up for sale in a 'misleading' advert.

Bilston Town FC's Queen Street ground, where the club has been since 1919, has been listed on a website as being up for auction for £120,000. However the club says it has a 38-year sub-lease on the ground and says it is 'going nowhere'.

The listing has caused confusion around the club with players phoning up to see if they needed to find a new club.

But no work can legally be done on the actual football ground, which is owned by Wolverhampton City Council.

The leaseholder of the site is Shiv Sharma, who has put it up for sale. However the club's sub-lease means the ground is safe from being developed.

Freehold land adjacent to the ground can be developed but club vice-chairman Denise Frankham said that the land itself was dangerous to walk on as there were mine shafts underneath.

She does not expect anything to come of the possible sale, with the site going under the hammer during an auction at Villa Park. She said: "The advert is misleading and we're going nowhere.

"As far as the football club is concerned nothing will change. We have a 25-year sub lease on the ground until 2038. There are absolutely no plans to sell our ground."

A picture of the club's bar on the listing, which is on chartered surveyor firm CP Bigwood's website, was especially misleading, the vice-chairman said. She added: "It's wrong. Nothing will change will Bilston Town Football Club - we're here for good."

The council has no plans to dispose of its ownership of the football ground. Any potential sale of Mr Sharma's interests would be subject to a 25-year under-lease of the site to the football club, which began in 2013 and expires in 2038.

£1.6m project starts for pedestrian friendly city

By Kimberley Crayton-Brown

MORE city centre roadworks misery is on the way as part of a £1.6 million roads project.

Princess Street, Garrick Street and Market Street will be torn up and revamped in a bid to make the city more attractive.

Wolverhampton City Council wants to attract more visitors and boost investment by making the city centre more pedestrian-friendly.

The two-year project has caused big disruption in the past with businesses complaining of loss of trade.

The latest work will see a section of Princess Street closed for about four months from March 2, with out-of-hours road closures for Market Street and Garrick Street.

While Princess Street is closed the direction of one-way traffic will be temporarily reversed along the pedestrianised section of Queen Street, King Street and part of Dudley Street.

Work to upgrade traffic lights at the junction of Market Street and Bilston Street, and the junction of Garrick Street and Snow Hill, will be carried out before September.

Artist impression of works for Princess Street

Special lane for the cyclists

Pedestrianised area for shoppers

Minimise

While bosses hope to finish the work as quickly as possible it is expected the whole project will be completed by September.

Councillor Peter Bilson, the council's regeneration chief, said: "We have to acknowledge to get those improvements there has to be a degree of disruption.

"We are trying to contain that as much as we can and minimise it so that life goes on and we are still open for business.

"The city centre improvements play an important part the wider multi-million pound regeneration of Wolverhampton.

"We want to ensure that this city continues to be an attractive place to live, visit and work. Enhancing the city centre means we can attract more investment, retain the businesses we have and create more jobs."

He said he believed with Benson Elliot buying the Mander Centre more big names would be attracted to the city. The scheme will see the number of cars driving around the city's main shopping areas cut.

Councillor Bilson said the aim was to make Wolverhampton an 'all form of transport accessible city', ensuring it is safe and easy to get around from the perspective of pedestrians, motorists, the disabled, and public transport users.

When asked about comments that shoppers were utilising bigger shopping centres with available car parking, rather than the city centre, Councillor Bilson said: "We have to recognise we are a city centre.

"What we are not is an out-of-town shopping centre, we are not a Merry Hill.

"We have Bentley Bridge within our boundary contributing to the overall well-being of Wolverhampton, and we are delighted they are doing so well. There is room for both."

Gwyn James, transportation manager, said access into the city centre was important: "To the car parks, not to the central core shopping area. We want to make it as car-free as possible so it is a pleasant environment to go shopping in. What we don't want is a lot of rat-running through the city centre."

Princess Street was pedestrianised last year and is only open to delivery vehicles, so the council says most drivers will be unaffected by the closure.

Seating

The revamp will see 'clear zones' in front of shops for the vision impaired, with the 'clutter zones' featuring seating and trees to make the streets more attractive and encourage people to spend more time in the centre.

Project manager Steve Randall said they have done a lot of consultation with disabled groups about the design of the revamp, and he has met with business owners who may be affected by the Princess Street closure. He is is working closely with them to ensure there is minimal disruption to their business, and about 300 letters have been delivered to stores and residents clearly outlining the works.

The first stage of the revamp started last year, causing confusion and traffic chaos in the city. As part of the work Princess Street was pedestrianised between Queen Street and Berry Street, traffic flow on Queen Street was reversed, and Market Street became one way.

Taxi drivers have also voiced concerns in the past that the changes could hit their trade. Last year's work took part as the same time as a £4.5m project to overhaul the city's metro line got underway.

The scheme is still ongoing.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Banking on cash aid from 'selfies'

HUNDREDS of pounds has been raised for a local charity by 'selfie' crazy bankers.

Staff at Barclays in Wolverhampton's Queen Square branch went selfie-crazy over the Christmas period to raise funds for The Haven domestic abuse charity in Wolverhampton.

Not only did all Barclay's staff sign up to take part, but customers and banking contacts were approached to take part. They raised £450 which was then matched by Barclays, bringing the total to £900.

Popular festival heads back to city

ONE of the fastest growing festivals in the country will return to Wolverhampton this year.

Slam Dunk Festival, which takes place over the May bank holiday weekend at three sites in Leeds, Hatfield and Wolverhampton, is to return to the city's Civic Hall on May 25.

Headlining this year are You Me At Six, who have played at the festival regularly over the last few years. 2012 headliners Taking Back Sunday will also play.

Book swap idea proving popular

A BOOK swap scheme at a Wolverhampton museum has been proving popular.

Set up in the conservatory of Bantock House Museum, the Bantock Book Swap started with just one and a half shelves of books.

Now, the shelves are filled with reads brought in by members of the public and visitors. The museum is open from Tuesday to Sunday from midday until 4pm in Finchfield Road.

Tips passed on to business students

AN entrepreneur passed on tips to undergraduates in Wolverhampton.

Around 45 business students from the City of Wolverhampton College listened to Vicki Phipps, founder and director of Mindful Gifts, which provides gifts and activities for older people and people with dementia, talk about her business success.

Four hurt in crash

FOUR people were hurt in a crash on the M6 on Sunday. Two cars collided on the northbound carriageway between junction 10 for Wolverhampton and 10a for the M54. It closed off the motorway.

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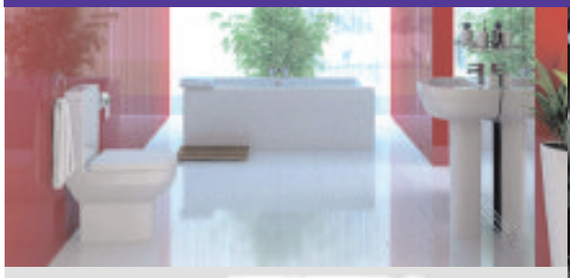

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IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews

SOME years ago, a former chancellor of the exchequer once remarked that mobile phones were 'the scourge of modern society'. He was wrong.

Norman Lamont's comments came long before smart phones and text messaging, which have turned a generation of teenagers into zombies.

But even in the early 1990s, mobile phones were starting to grate. However, that irritation pales into insignificance compared to the another supposed advance in telecommunications technology: the automated telephone system.

You know it, you make a phone call and are greeted by words to the effect "I can't be bothered to pick up the phone, so press one if you want another tedious set of options, press two if you want to be put on hold for 10 minutes, or press three if you are a new customer and have your credit card handy, in which case we will gladly part you from your money."

Actually, those precise words are very seldom used, which is a shame, because at least they would be honest. But you get the drift.

Now, such devices do have their place, such as paying utility bills, where it is easier to key in a few digits rather than dropping a cheque off in the post. But is there anything more infuriating than calling, say, a school, and having to listen to a string of messages about 'student absences' before you can get to speak to a member of staff? Aside from the fact schools don't have students. They have pupils.

Last week, I twice tried to top up my pay-as-you-go mobile phone using one of these automated lines, and on neither occasion was my account successfully credited. So how do you get through to an operator for help? You can hear all about how pressing different buttons will allow you to sign up to free calls, unlimited texts and 4G data packages, but if nothing happens, there is no option to actually speak to an operator. I still don't know now whether I have paid for the unlimited free calls and texts I haven't received.

If businesses want to prosper, they would do well to remember that customers will only tolerate so much of this. And for the public sector organisations which use this hateful technology: pick up the flipping phone.

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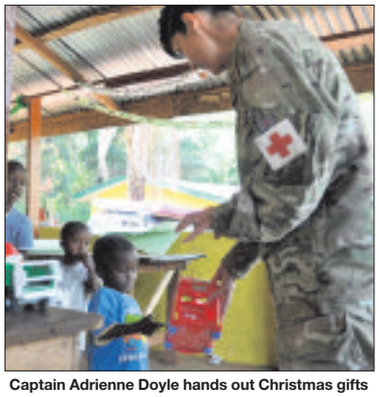
MPs were out in force last week to vote overwhelmingly in favour of creating 'three parent' babies, using a mixture of carefully-blended DNA to prevent genetic defects in children.

On balance, I'm still on the fence on this one, I can see the arguments from both sides. But isn't it strange that while politicians who spend years deliberating over the merits or otherwise of genetically modified tomatoes, they suddenly become so decisive on the subject of genetically-modified children?



Captain Adrienne Doyle hands out Christmas gifts

Biomedical scientist Adrian Smith

Adrian with his girlfriend Joanne – 'a rock'

Adrian on call for Ebola crisis help

An Army Reservist is to fly out to Sierra Leone to help deal with the Ebola virus. **NIGEL SLATER** reports

A RESERVIST soldier from the Black Country is to fly out to West Africa to help the Army in its fight against the deadly Ebola virus.

Adrian Smith, who works in the Biomedical Science (BMS) department at Wolverhampton's New Cross Hospital, is in the final stages of training for deployment to Sierra Leone and was expecting to fly out with 202 Field Hospital to Kerrytown, subject to passing his validation exam some time this week.

More than 8,800 people have died of Ebola in West Africa, with 22,092 infected with the disease.

Fragile health services are struggling to cope with the pressure on services, as well as a lack of trained health workers and equipment.

Patterns

The first group of 150 Army medical staff flew out to Sierra Leone in October last year, where they set up a treatment centre for infected health workers.

Adrian, from Wednesfield, will be investigating patient samples for Ebola patterns as part of a four-strong BMS team.

He said: "It is an honour to be called out to and I'll do all that I can.

"It is without doubt going to be one of the most challenging experiences of my life. It doesn't come much bigger than this. Being in the Army Reserve, I always anticipated a call was going to come and now it has, I am humbled and am ready for the challenge."

Adrian, who has a degree in Biomedical Science has been working at New Cross Hospital for more than 13 years.

With previous service in the Royal Artillery in the late 1980s and early 1990s, he joined what was the Territorial Army almost two years ago.

He is currently an Army Reservist with 202 (Midlands) Field Hospital, a Reserve unit that has recent experience in providing deployed hospital care in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Field Hospital operates using tents or existing buildings to provide medical care to soldiers and, where necessary civilians, in the field.

Adrian said: "It's scary but very exciting at the same time. This is the challenge I've wanted to be involved with for sometime and the reason that I joined the Army Reserve."

The 46-year-old is expected to be in Sierra Leone until the end of April.

He said: "The support I've had from friends and family has been so overwhelming. I've even had my work colleagues give me goodie bags in preparation for what is ahead.

"I'm going to miss my family and my girlfriend Joanne but have told them I'll be on the phone to them as much as I can. I can understand their worry but they know it is something I've wanted to do for some time. I've been with Joanne for about a year now and she has been a rock for me. I'm going to miss her so much.

Adrian said: "I think the biggest challenge will be the emotional side of things.

"The television images are hard to cope with so seeing it for real will be on another scale."

Adrian said it is vital for everyone to come together to fight the spread of the disease.

For more information on Ebola and to donate funds to the relief effort visit www.unicef.org.uk

Medical personnel carry out practice exercises prior to the opening of the Kerry Town Treatment Centre

WEEK IN POLITICS

with Daniel Wainwright

THE Black Country Growth Deal promises £162 million and a wish list of huge projects, but forgive me if I won't believe it until I see it.

I'm not being negative about this. It's fantastic. The deal promises the long-awaited rebuild of Wolverhampton rail station, a major revamp of the Civic Halls, new buildings for colleges in Dudley and Halesowen, improvements to junction 10 of the M6, 5,000 jobs and 1,400 homes.

It is effectively the blueprint for putting these great towns and city on the path to prosperity, a brighter future and so on and so on. The problem is it's still not quite a done deal. There is still the matter of the authorities getting the go-ahead to borrow the money for the rail station or raise it another way.

At the end of this month it'll be 10 years since I started training to be a reporter. And in all that time there has been the plan to rebuild what is, to be frank, an embarrassingly ugly rail station that does nothing to welcome would-be investors to the city of Wolverhampton.

Difficult

Progress has been made, of course. The bus station's been up for almost four years and the new office and shop block nearby is getting going.

But the rail station itself limps on. New designs have come and gone. And the more that happens, the more difficult it becomes to generate anything akin to excitement among the people who should be welcoming this with open arms – the public.

There are some upbeat messages coming out of the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership, which has done well to establish itself alongside the larger neighbour, the Greater Birmingham and Solihull LEP.

Stewart Towe, the Black Country LEP's chairman, had a wonderful turn of phrase when he introduced cities minister Greg Clark at the growth deal-signing ceremony. at the Civic Halls.

He explained how Mr Clark had seen the rail station represented an 'opportunity' for development. That's a kinder description than the Transport Secretary Patrick McLoughlin once gave when he said it was 'awful'.

It's good we have people like Mr Towe going to bat for us when it comes to campaigning for funding. He will be far more diplomatic about seeking funding or devolved powers than a lot of people who have kept having to look at artists' impressions rather than seeing cranes on the skyline.

Maybe there will be a pre-election rabbit pulled from the hat. Now is definitely the right time for vote-seeking parties to start making promises to voters in marginal seats like the Black Country.

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Cloudy2Clear service Wolverhampton and the surrounding area and Brian is finding that his approach is a major factor in his success. 'The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done work for, which just goes to show how much a little bit of effort is appreciated.'

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Rapist who repeatedly attacked girl is jailed

A MAN from Wolverhampton who repeatedly raped a young girl has been jailed for a total of 17 years.

The girl was only seven when she first fell victim to Timothy Wren's 'appalling catalogue of sexual abuse'.

Wren had been convicted by a jury at Wolverhampton Crown Court following a trial. He faced six charges of raping the girl.

During his sentencing the judge praised the victim for coming forward to report what had happened and awarded her £500 out of public funds 'for the courage she has shown'.

Sentencing Wren at Stafford Crown Court, Judge Michael Challinor spoke directly to the victim, who cannot be identified. He said: "You must understand this was not your fault - the fault lies entirely with Wren. I hope you can see justice has been done in this case and it will help you get over these events."

Ordeal

The judge said no-one could forget the girl describing to the jury her rape ordeal.

He told Wren, aged 49 and of Holloway Street: "You have been convicted after a trial of a catalogue of appalling sexual abuse.

"You began to use her as a pure sexual object... and your grooming of her became so complete by plying her with money and gifts. This was a ghastly introduction to sex. What you have done may echo throughout the rest of her life."

Along with the jail term Wren, who had denied all the charges, was also ordered to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life and barred from working with children, also for life.

Mr Robert Cowley, defending, said Wren had been convicted of offences against one individual.

He added: "The reality for him now, at his age, by the time he's served the custodial element he's not going to be of an age when he can repair and rebuild his life.

"He will find it very difficult to find employment again because of these convictions and when he's released from custody he will live his remaining days lonely, isolated with very little means at his disposal."

Bandstand back in tune

The historic bandstand in West Park, Wolverhampton is due to re-open after vital repair work

AN historic bandstand that has been a central feature at Wolverhampton's West Park for more than 130 years is set to re-open after the completion of vital repair work.

The bandstand has been closed for a week while workers fix wear and tear to guttering around its roof.

It is due to re-open anytime now. Crowds have flocked to the park to hear music during the summer months since the bandstand opened in 1882.

The original structure, which was gifted by the Rt Hon C P Villiers, featured eight cast iron columns measuring 16ft high and a set of 3ft 9ins ornamental iron railings.

A ceiling of varnished pine was added to act as a sounding board. It was greatly enlarged at the turn of the century when its stone base was replaced with a brick one, while electric lights were added in 1911.

The bandstand was made by Steven Bros & Co of Glasgow and London; the stone base was built by Wolverhampton firm Bradney & Co and the elaborate paint job was completed by Mr Hartill of Worcester Street.

In around 1902, local man Edwin Bayliss left £5,000 for music to be played into the park, although the bandstand fell silent for some years after falling into disrepair.

Suhail Rana, chairman of the Wolverhampton Civic and Historical Society, said: "West Park has been one of the key recreational areas of the city for more than 100

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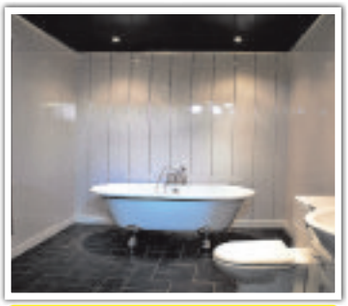

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Come on Bilston people stand up for your town. Sign petitions; do not let us lose any more of our once self-governing town. Let's fight. Save our market, no other compares.

S SPENCER
Bilston

Marathon call for help

I WRITE as race director/chair of Carver Wolverhampton City Marathon events. This week we launched the 2015 events, now in the 18th year, scheduled to take place on Sunday, September 6.

This major event raises thousands of pounds for local charities and encourages exercise and community spirit, all based centrally in and around West Park. This year there will be a 3K walk in the park added to the list of events.

So for a few hours on that date why not come and help? For more information go to www.carverwolverhamptonmarathonevents.co.uk

M HARDING
Wolverhampton

Councils link should go to vote

THE decision of whether we want to be joined up to Birmingham shouldn't be made by a few people, it should be put to the vote of Bilston and Wolverhampton whether we want to be joined up to Birmingham.

I, for one, don't think it should be done willy nilly. I am Bilston born and bred and we never wanted to be taken over by Wolverhampton. Bilston, was once a lovely thriving town full of shops but since being taken over it's gone right down the nick.

Every penny gets spent on Wolverhampton and Bilston will get a few coppers over if they have any left and then they make a song about it.

I think if we go under Birmingham it will be another EU, only not so far away. They will take everything, we will get nothing back, and don't forget jobs, they won't want many councillors or people working in the civic centre.

Before you make a big mistake weigh up all the pros and cons and say no before it's too late.

K BUTLER
Bradley

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Letters should be brief and MUST include name, address and telephone number. The Editor reserves the right to condense letters.

Transport to villages exists

I WRITE in response to the letter, 'Got passes but no bus'. I am sorry that M Addison seems to be unaware of the transport available to Trysull and Seisdon residents.

As a district council, though we do not have a statutory obligation to provide transport services, we understand the importance of transport to our rural communities. Although we don't issue bus passes, this is a county council function, we have initiated a number of transport programmes in the local area since 2009.

The most notable being South Staffordshire Connect, a 'dial a ride' service available to all villages within South Staffordshire including Trysull and Seisdon.

The service is suitable for short, local journeys and can pick you up and drop you off at your required destination. For longer journeys, the service will connect you to an existing bus route to make your journey outside the district. It costs just £2 per journey, or free for those with a bus pass.

COUNCILLOR BOB MCCARDLE
Cabinet Member Strategic Services
South Staffordshire Council

Cuts directed at the elderly

I HAVE noticed that most cutbacks are directed at the elderly.

There are the constant veiled threats regarding the bus passes and heating allowance. Now I read the ring and ride bus service is to have cutbacks (the elderly won't be able to travel).

I now read that the Care Link service is in the firing line. Many elderly people have no relatives or visitors and Care Link is valuable in case they fall or become ill.

It is such a precious service and is run so proficiently and the staff are reliable and people feel safe.

I have talked to many elderly people and they can't find a sense of purpose and their quality of life is not good. They tell me they don't want to be here.

Surely we should be enhancing their lives not creating anguish.

I read Wolverhampton Council is cash strapped but surely they can cut back elsewhere. The Care Link service is desperately needed; ask anyone who used it!

M WARD
Bilston

It's better parking we need and not more office space

THE civic funeral for Sir Jack was an impressive occasion. But the council's current policy of shutting car parks and building offices on the sites could well render such gatherings impossible.

A walk round the city reveals many thousands of square metres of empty office spaces. On Tettenhall Road there's the Deansgate complex recently vacated by Customs and Excise.

At Chapel Ash there's Conniston House only temporarily occupied by Marston's while their own offices are renovated. In Darlington Street and Waterloo Road there are numerous signs up offering office spaces in varying sizes.

The old Post Office building has been empty for ages, since the university vacated it, and is surely more suited to office use than the 'restaurant opportunity' for which it is currently advertised.

And there's a new office building being erected by the bus station.

Why on earth do we need any more office buildings?

In addition; the council's recent imposition of Sunday parking fees on the St Peter's car park has cut the congregation at St Peter's by roughly a third, and the income by a similar amount.

It is all very well for the council to say that there's cheap parking at the Mander Centre, but many of the congregation are elderly and infirm and cannot easily manage the distance and changes of level involved.

Also, as far as I can find, that car park is not open on Sunday evenings.

St Peter's currently has a large choir but a choir parent bringing their child to the Sunday morning service, which itself takes over an hour, is facing car parking charges for up to three hours, allowing for the necessary pre-service practice time.

P VESSEY
Wolverhampton

Memories of Sir Jack

I WATCHED Sir Jack Hayward's funeral on TV, it brought back memories of me going to a Black Country concert at the Civic Hall in the 90s. I was seated right behind Rachael Heyhoe Flint and Lord Archer.

There was a prize draw to win two tickets to Paris. Jack Hayward pulled my seat no.27 out to win. Unfortunately I am disabled so I was given £200 instead. Rachael Heyhoe Flint had my programme and got everybody to sign it, including Sir Jack, Lord Archer, herself and all those taking part.

I wonder if Sir Jack funded the prize money? I shared it with my sister and went on holiday.

S BURTON
Shareshill

Man's fingertip bitten off in bust up at pub

A MAN had part of his finger bitten off after a bust up in a pub, a court heard.

Michael Woodward and Alan Burrows clashed at the Roebuck Inn on Penn Road in Wolverhampton where both were regulars, it was said at Wolverhampton Crown Court.

Although they were not close friends they engaged in occasional 'banter,' the court heard. This turned to violence on November 10 in 2012 after Woodward took exception to something the other man did or said, said Mr Timothy Sapwell, prosecuting.

The 50-year-old defendant 'knocked, threw or flung' a Chinese meal being eaten by Mr Burrows onto the floor and punched him several times in the face, it was said.

The victim put his hands up in a bid to halt the onslaught and part of his right hand ended up in the mouth of Woodward who bit down on the little finger for 'only a split second,' the court was told.

Anger

The injured man was taken to hospital but doctors were unable to reattach the severed tip. The defendant insisted he had not intended to cause serious injury and a jury acquitted him of causing grievous bodily harm with intent after a trial in September last year.

Mr Oliver Woolhouse, defending, said: "These two men were not good friends. A prank played by the other man provoked a further deterioration in the situation, although there is disagreement over exactly how it started. This was not premeditated in any way."

Woodward from Tremaine Gardens, Springfield admitted causing grievous bodily harm and was given an 18-month jail sentence suspended under supervision for two years and ordered to pay £750 in compensation and costs.

Recorder Marcus Tregilgas-Davey said:"There was no provocation for this but there was perceived provocation. He did not punch you. You exploded into anger."

Flagging up city marathon

Launching Wolverhampton marathon, is the mayor C ouncillor Michael Heap, race director Mary Harding and event supporter Henry Carver

ORGANISERS of this year's Carver Wolverhampton City Marathon are aiming for it to be the biggest yet.

For the first time in the event's 18-year history the event will see a new 3k walk added to the schedule in a bid to attract more elderly people and families to take part.

The event will be held on Sunday, September 6 which will also see participants take part in a marathon, half marathon, Banks's 10 km (6.2 mile) run and a cycle ride at West Park.

Marathon organisers met yesterday at the Civic Centre's Mayor's Parlour to officially launch the 2015 event in front of a number of special guests. Organisers are keen to raise even more funds this year and hope to reach the £20,000 mark which would beat last year's fundraising total of £17,500.

Mayor for Wolverhampton Councillor Mike Heap said: "Without a shadow of a doubt the Carver Wolverhampton City Marathon is one of the premier sporting events in the city. The new 3k walk is going to be the big one for us."

The funds will go to three main charities, Beacon Centre for the Blind, Samaritans of Wolverhampton and Compton Hospice.

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Fraud man lied over £20k theft of jewellery

A MAN who tried to con an insurance company out of £20,000 by claiming he had jewellery stolen from him has been spared an immediate jail term.

Stephan Baddeley told Royal Sun Alliance Insurers he had been burgled in April last year, Wolverhampton Magistrates' Court heard.

By Carl Jackson

The 43-year-old, from Coronation Road in Bilston, also involved someone else in his scam, persuading them to lie to police to back up his claim.

Photos

He supplied photos of the jewellery which he said were from a long time ago, but police investigators discovered the pictures were actually taken on the same day as the supposed burglary.

Ms Begum, defending before his sentencing at court, said Baddeley contacted the insurance company immediately after the jewellery was found and seized by police, adding that he never gained any money from the scam.

But District Judge Graham Wilkinson said the fraudster had been caught 'red-handed' and would have been 'stupid' to continue the claim. He added Baddeley became 'as culpable as you can be' the moment he got another person to lie on his behalf. He did not admit the offence when arrested and was found guilty after a trial in January.

Ms Begum said Baddeley suffered several health issues which would be made worse if he was sent to jail and he was the sole carer for his three children.

He was sentenced to a six-month prison sentence suspended for 20 weeks, put on curfew, between 7pm- 7am on Fridays and Saturdays, for the next three months and will have to wear an electronic tag. He must pay £600 court costs and victim surcharge of £80.

Fans plan book to remember Tommy

Sisters Angela Daniels and Jill Hughes with a portrait of comedian Tommy Mundon

TWO of Black Country comedian Tommy Mundon's fans are planning a book that will also tell his life story from his humble beginnings in Halesowen.

Tommy died last year aged 80 following a long battle with Parkinson's Disease.

Retired teacher Angela Daniels, of Halesowen, and her sister Jill Hughes performed with Tommy in the 1970s in musical group Family Affair.

Mrs Daniels said: "We knew Tommy in two different ways, he was a family friend and our parents are actually godparents to his children, but we also performed with him.

"We went to his funeral and whilst we were there we realised just how many people had stories about what a great man he was, everybody had their anecdotes."

Tommy's widow Val has given her blessing. Mrs Daniels said anybody wishing to contribute to the book, to raise money for Mary Stevens Hospice, can email ange laandjill@gmail.com or call 0121 5503221.

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Extra 24 beds due for influx of mums-to be

TWENTY-FOUR new maternity beds are opening at Wolverhampton's New Cross Hospital as the site starts to take mothers-to-be from Staffordshire.

Two new delivery rooms are also being unveiled later this month, while there will be four extra cots on the special care baby unit.

The expansion is needed to cope with an influx of patients who would usually have gone to the County Hospital in Stafford, and are now giving birth at New Cross or Royal Stoke University Hospital.

The move comes as a result of the Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust being dissolved. Of the 24 beds, 10 will be in a new special area for women who have been induced to bring on labour.

Split

The rest will be for women whose babies need to stay in hospital for treatment for a few days after they are born.

County Hospital, formerly Stafford Hospital, will now be midwife-led, with consultant-led services for medium to high-risk births moving to Wolverhampton or Stoke.

The New Cross community at-home service now takes in South Staffordshire to cater for expectant mothers nearer Stafford. Perton, Cannock, Codsall, Wombourne, Seisdon, Rugeley and Penkridge are now covered by New Cross staff for home and antenatal visits.

Stoke has taken over other areas, with former Mid Staffs services split between there and New Cross.

Women at New Cross who have been induced and are judged to be a low risk currently stay on the maternity ward while they wait for labour to start, while higher risk women have beds in the maternity triage unit.

Bosses say the new system will make the process more relaxing and comfortable for them, while freeing up beds.

The new unit will be on the third floor, near to the delivery suite.

Nick's marathon mission

Nick Trueman will be in training for his first marathon fundraising event in the London Marathon in April

A KEEN runner will tackle his first marathon in April to raise funds for the Beacon Centre for the Blind.

Nick Trueman from Heath Hayes is taking part in the London Marathon.

It will be the first time he has tackled a full marathon after completing the Birmingham Half Marathon in a respectable time of one hour 51 minutes last October.

The 37-year-old who works for West Bromwich Building Society as a PR manager is using his marathon mission to raise funds for the centre, near Wolverhampton.

So far he has raised £175 in sponsorship from family, friends and colleagues and hopes to reach £1,500 in support of the sight-loss charity.

He said: "I have close friends who work at Beacon. I know what fantastic things they do to helpthose with visual impairments."

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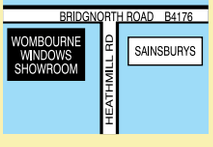

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MP praises city adult education

A GOVERNMENT minister has praised adult education in Wolverhampton.

Skills and equalities minister Nick Boles has written to school's boss Councillor Phil Page after Wolverhampton's adult education service was rated 'outstanding' in a recent Ofsted report.

Mr Boles wrote: "I am delighted by the results of Wolverhampton Adult Education Service, as the achievement of an 'outstanding' grade from Ofsted is not only recognition of the work and commitment of your organisation, but it will act as a powerful example to other further education providers.

"I firmly believe that excellence in further education is vital to help strengthen local communities and support employers to achieve growth, by improving workforce skills."

The adult education service delivers courses from more than 50 city venues.

Canals chief should clean off graffiti on bridge, says MP

GRAFFITI daubed on an historic bridge by a canal in Wombourne cannot be removed as it is not offensive, a trust has said.

Crude markings have been left canalside near the Round Oak pub. MP Gavin Williamson said the decision by the Canal & Rivers Trust not to remove the graffiti was 'completely barmy'.

Its chief executive told the South Staffordshire MP that as the trust has limited resources it can only remove graffiti that is offensive.

Mr Williamson is asking for volunteers to help him clean it up, or failing that, wants the Canal & Rivers Trust chief executive to do it. The MP said: "The idea that someone has to scrawl something rude and offensive before they clean this is barking mad.

"It's completely barmy and irresponsible. I'm throwing down the gauntlet to the chief executive and I'd very much like him to clean it."

The MP made a call before Christmas to clean the graffiti as it was threatening the Best Kept Village campaign. It is near to Bumblehole Lock on Canal Walk. Residents have contacted Mr Williamson complaining about the vandalism. Mr Williamson said he wanted 'quick and speedy action' to erase the graffiti.

In Richard Parry at the Canal & Rivers Trust said to the MP: "Having looked into the issue it appears the graffiti is on the canal bridge under our ownership and also on the adjacent footbridge that we are not responsible for.

"Limited resources mean we can only address offensive graffiti, from what we have seen we do not believe this qualifies. We are prepared to match fund projects to deal with graffiti where local authorities are prepared to fund and work with us."

Graffiti covering bridge

Site manager one of the best

A SITE manager working on a housing development in Wolverhampton has been named one of the best in the country.

Simon Jones scooped the award at the National Housebuilding Council (NHBC) Pride in the Job Awards.

He is currently working with David Wilson Homes on the 58 new properties being built in Wergs Road, Tettenhall.

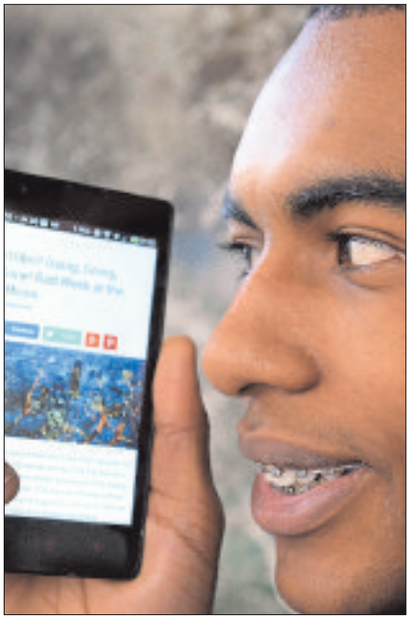
The development sparked controversy as it meant trees would be felled.

Mr Jones said: "I am so proud to be amongst the best site managers in the country.

"Within the industry, people could go their entire careers without winning an award so for me to have done so well is a testament to not just my own ability but also the team around me, without their hard work none of this would be possible."

The winner was from Wales.

Teenager does the business with website



Keano Chang who launched an online business website

A BUDDING entrepreneur has created his own website which he hopes will become the place to go for business, economics and technology news.

Keano Chang, 18, from Fallings Park, has started Changtechne with the support of leading business leaders.

The website publishes contributed articles from business professionals, politicians, enthusiasts or bloggers which can then be shared across social media.

Articles will be around 320 words and officially launch on February 27.

The Walsall Studio School head boy can count IBM general manager Stephen Leonard, Barclays vice chairman Michael Hill, and former Dragons' Den star James Cann amongst his supporters.

He said: "The website is free to sign in to join and contribute. Reading wise, the site will remain to be free and from February all posted content will be live from contributors. All content will relate to politics, economics, business and technology. This has sparked the interest of business leaders signing up, to politicians and journalists with the ability to archive content from specific authors creating a profile has been a great added feature."

He hope it will become a good source of news for business students and those interested in the industry.

Mr Chang hopes to become a business analyst and will study management and international business at Royal

Minister's praise on school progress

THE Secretary of State for Education has hailed the improvements made at a Wolverhampton school over the last two years.

Nicky Morgan MP praised the 'dedication and sheer hard work' of staff at Woodthorne Primary School which she said had led to 'great improvements over the past few years'.

Ofsted rated the school in Tettenhall as 'good' following an inspection last year – after previously declaring that it required improvement in 2012.

In her letter to headteacher Justin Crilly, who joined Woodthorne in 2013, the MP said: "This achievement is testament to your leadership, and that of your governing body and senior management team.

"We are working to put in place a school-led system, where great school leaders can support and collaborate with each other to drive up standards for all."

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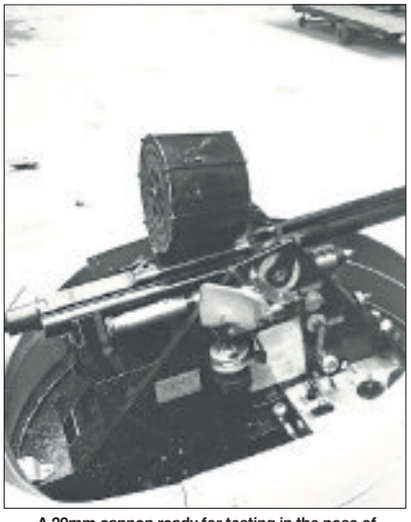
A Fairey Barracuda naval bomber ready for delivery from Pendeford

A Defiant on display in St Peter's gardens at the end of the war

A line of newly-made Blackburn Rocs outside the Boulton Paul factory



A 20mm cannon ready for testing in the nose of a Boulton Paul Overstrand

When we were Defiant in the battle of the skies

MEMORY LANE

By Alec Brew

THIS year we commemorate 70 years since the end of the Second World War.

Wolverhampton's highest profile contribution to the winning of the war was provided by Boulton Paul Aircraft.

Many other of the city's companies were helping to build the machines that won the war, Goodyear, the tyres, Meadows, the diesel engines, Guy, armoured cars, Hobson, carburetors, MacAlpine, the airfields and GKN, the nuts and bolts to hold it all together.

But it was in the skies that aircraft made by Wolverhampton's premier aircraft manufacturer were winning headline-making victories. At the start of the war there were two aircraft production lines rolling at the factory on Wobaston Road, the Boulton Paul Defiant turret fighter and its naval equivalent the Blackburn Roc.

Niche

Two squadrons of Defiants were to fight in the Battle of Britain, and then the aircraft went on to become the best night fighter we had in the first months of the Blitz.

The Roc, it is true, had a less than auspicious career, but it eventually found a niche for itself as a target tug to help train the Navy's anti-aircraft gunners. Meanwhile Boulton Paul gun turrets were in such demand that even a new dedicated turret factory quickly built at Pendeford could not cope with orders.

So most production was handed over to Lucas, who went on to build more than 20,000, fitted to aircraft like the Halifax, Hudson, Baltimore and Lincoln.

Meanwhile the Defiant and Roc were replaced by huge orders for the Fairey Barracuda, the Navy's new carrier borne bomber.

Barracudas were to bomb the famous German battleship Tirpitz, and took the war to Japan with daring strikes on Indonesia

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A visitor to the Tettenhall Transport Heritage Centre sampling a Boulton Paul gun turret

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Fun ways to focus on domestic abuse

A DOMESTIC abuse charity is running a series of events as part of an annual celebration.

Empurple Week at The Haven in Wolverhampton starts on March 9 with a pamper evening from 5.45-8pm.

Guests will pick up beauty tips and have the chance to win goods in a raffle. Tickets are £5.

Empurple Week will continue until March 14 - and organisers are encouraging people to stage their own events with a purple theme. The week is held to coincide with International Women's Day.

Haven publicity officer Hayley Edwards said: "Once again The Haven looks forward to celebrating its annual Empurple Week and encourage people to have lots of fun whilst helping us to raise awareness of domestic violence and raise funds for a great cause."

Staff have put an information pack together to help people hold events. Call 01902 572126 or email give@havenrefuge.org.uk

Lining up for handover of cheque after money raised at a charity ball

Fundraising for minibus 'a Godsend' says day centre

A CHARITY ball which generated £10,000 to help buy a new minibus at a day centre has been described as a 'Godsend'.

Fundraising group Time 2 Give-Back chose St Columba's Day Centre in Wolverhampton as their charity for the year.

The service, in Castlecroft Road, relies heavily on a minibus to transport most of their 25 to 30 daily visitors to and from home. Without it the centre would not be able to run, said manager Jeanette Hall.

The non-profit making charity has been trying to find £45,000 for a new minibus for 10 years. Thanks to Time 2 Give Back, Jeanette said they could now get a replacement.

She said: "The years have taken their toll on the old bus and it is beginning to cost us to keep it on the road. As soon as we buy one we start saving for the next one.

"This money has come at an ideal time. It has been a God-send really."

Daksha Patel from Time 2 Give Back handed over the money. She said: "When we went out to find charities in the area helping people with dementia we really struggled.

"There didn't seem anywhere to donate to. When we found St Columba's it seemed fitting to help them."

Daksha, aged 48, of Wightwick, founded Time 2 Give Back in 2012 with Jane Pinches and Alex Heath.

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JLR to have triple Bond with new 007 film

WEST Midlands luxury carmaker Jaguar Land Rover will have a starring role in the latest James Bond movie, as a hat-trick of its cars are put through their paces on-screen.

Filming is already under way for the new movie, Spectre, the fourth starring Daniel Craig as 007, this time up against Christoph Waltz as new villain Franz Oberhauser.

By Simon Penfold

While Bond will be racing around in his traditional Aston Martin – also made in the West Midlands, just a stone's throw from the JLR facility at Gaydon – a Jaguar C-X75 sports car, Range Rover Sport SVR and a Defender Big Foot have all be provided for the movie by Jaguar Land Rover's Special Operations outfit.

Chase

The Jaguar C-X75 will feature in a spectacular car chase sequence through Rome alongside the Aston Martin DB10. The C-X75 vehicles used in filming have been built in collaboration with Williams Advanced Engineering facility in Oxfordshire, England.

Scenes including the heavily-modified versions of Land Rover Defender and Range Rover Sport SVR have already been filmed in Austria.

The Range Rover Sport SVR is the fastest and most powerful Land Rover ever., while the highly capable Big Foots were constructed by Special Operations at Ryton with huge 37-inch diameter off-road tyres to tackle extreme terrain. They also feature bespoke suspension systems and enhanced body protection.

John Edwards, the managing director of JLR Special Operations, said: "This is an exciting partnership for Jaguar Land Rover and an opportunity to demonstrate the fantastic capabilities of the Special Operations team.''

Jaguar and Land Rover vehicles have been involved in a succession of Bond films. Most recently, in 2012, the rugged Defender 110 Double Cab Pick Up was driven by field agent Eve Moneypenny in the opening sequence to Skyfall.

Cryptic

JLR's Special Operations team focuses on heritage products and one-off special commissions, as well as limited edition models and personalising cars for customers.

The latest Bond move, which resurrects Spectre after a 34-year break, sees a cryptic message from Bond's past sending him on the trail of the sinister organisation. Directed by Sam Mendes the film is released in November.

New uni chairman looks to busy future

THE man appointed as the new chair of governors at the University of Wolverhampton is looking forward to a 'busy and exciting future'.

Dr Simon Walford, who has been a governor at the university since 2007, was been appointed to the role after Michael Elliot stood down in November.

Dr Walford has been involved in clinical research and medical education and was chair of governors at Wolverhampton Grammar School for a number of years.

He said: "The University of Wolverhampton makes a very important contribution to the academic and cultural life of the city and has a vital role providing the opportunity for skill development and business growth in the area.

"These are all things that I have been involved in locally for more than 30 years and it is a privilege and a challenge to take over as chairman when we have such a busy and exciting future ahead of us."

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Revolution *in denture provision*

A CHAMPION for denture wearers, Steven Burchell DipCDT RCS(Eng) has spent more than ten years campaigning to "break the taboo over false teeth and prove that high-quality dentures can indeed be nothing short of life-changing."

Evangelical about what new-generation denture prescriptions can achieve, he says the palette of solutions to deliver a more youthful, engaging smile has never been so great, with traditional, high-quality handmade-on-the-premises prosthetics; suction diaphragm dentures; and implant-retained over-dentures.

"People have come to us with ill-fitting teeth, sunken cheeks and pinched lips and we have been privileged to transform their looks, providing teeth that not only are aesthetically pleasing and hugely functional, but also successfully support facial structures just like their real teeth once did. It can take years off people."

Can dentures ever be glamorous? "Emphatically, yes," adds Steven.

Strident advances in technology, improved materials and revised clinical procedures are all helping "to drive the denture revolution forward and indeed introduce a real sense of natural-looking glamour to what can be accomplished," he says.

Suction solution *is this the answer for you?*

A CUTTING-EDGE development that helps to resolve the stability problems faced by thousands of denture wearers is being offered by the Denture Clinic.

Steven Burchell Dip CDT RCS(Eng) GDC108353, who heads the teams at his North Street practice in Dudley, and other clinics across the region, says the invention has the potential to resolve all-too-common denture stability issues.

Prosthetics are held in place by tiny valve-operated suction devices which are built into the prescription. A clever diaphragm principle, triggered by bite pressure on patients' gums, creates a 'sucking' vacuum between the soft-tissue mouth lining and the prosthetic.

Steven, whose clinics attracts patients from as far as Spain, the Isle of Skye and the Isle of Anglesey, says: "In recent times we have seen, what I can describe only as strident clinical steps forward, with implant-retained over-dentures, 'teeth-in-a-day' implant procedures and suction solution dentures, all coming into main-stream dentistry.

"We also have clever injection moulding technology which allows excellent fitting outcomes and our clinical solutions have never been so appealing.

"Implant dentistry as a resolve for stabilisation issues is not suitable for everyone, neither is it all patients' first preference. The Ultra Suction prosthetics system offers a possible alternative clinical solution.

The Ultra Suction system is available for both upper and lower dentures.

"The beauty of this affordable technology is that it can deliver for the right patient excellent denture retainer qualities without the invasive clinical procedures required for implant work."

Lower dentures can often be troublesome when stability is compromised by shrinking gums and bone erosion – all part of the natural ageing process. Ill-fitting dentures create painful friction problems on gums and not least, can be a regular source of embarrassment.

Reduction

Steven adds: "The device can be mounted on upper or lower teeth and because of its efficiency allows us to consider a reduction in the size of the acrylic 'plate' which can improve speech and taste.

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Shock over child road casualties

A LAWYER from Codsall has described new road casualty figures that show a rise in the number of children killed or hurt on UK roads as 'shocking'.

Philip Edwards, serious injury partner at Clarke Willmott, is calling for drivers to be more aware of the dangers and for wider use of 20mph speed limits and traffic calming measures.

Department for Transport figures show there were 2,060 children killed or seriously injured in the 12 months to September 2014. The number of children involved in casualties of all severities was 16,640, a six per cent increase on the previous year.

Overall, the total number of all casualties on UK roads has increased by five per cent to 192,910.

Mr Edwards said: "The number of road deaths makes shocking reading. "

Tree festival raises £3,000

AROUND £3,000 was raised from this winter's Christmas tree festival in Codsall.

The money will go towards the ongoing refurbishment of the parish rooms.

It was held at St Nicholas' Church from December 12-14 with 34 trees decorated in a variety of styles by local groups.

The trees were provided by Codsall and Wergs Garden Centre and decorated by local organisations.

FOCUS ON CODSALL

Care home told it must improve after inspection

A CARE home has been ordered to make improvements after being given the lowest possible inspection rating by a health watchdog.

Hunters Lodge Care Centre in Codsall, which looks after people with dementia, has been rated as 'inadequate'.

Inspectors found allegations of emotional abuse were not being reported, the home was short-staffed and that staff were not properly trained.

Staffing levels were not being monitored and residents did not have enough activities to keep them occupied.

The home was rated as inadequate overall of the five specific areas it was judged on, deemed as 'requires improvement' in three and inadequate in another.

Issues

Sue Howard, adult social care senior inspector, said: "We have told the home they must take action to resolve the issues we identified. We have made it clear that we will return to the home to check that the necessary improvements have been made.

"If not, we will take further action to make sure people living there receive care which is safe, effective, caring and responsive to their needs."

The report highlighted several failings. It said staff

by Tim Spiers

were extremely busy and that while people were given personal care staff had 'no time' to spend with them.

It added: "Records showed there were incidents reported by the staff where there was no physical harm but people may have suffered emotional and psychological harm. These were not referred to the local authority.

"Records showed that only a few staff had completed training in dementia care and in the Mental Capacity Act 2005."

Inspectors found the home was failing to provide care which was safe, effective, caring, responsive or well-led during an unannouncedvisit in August.

The report added that staff had completed 'minimal training' for specific care needs. The home was unavailable for comment.

Becci Bayliss, aged 33, of Codsall, makes dress makimg look sew easy

Seams like Becci has it sewn up

A CODSALL mother-of-three makes has making her own clothes all sewn up.

Dress maker Becci Bayliss, aged 33, has been making clothes for 17 years after being taught by her 83-year-old grandma Beryl Johnson.

Becci, who teaches at Stafford College, said: "When I first started sewing, I was just customising things and amending them to fit me. My grandma showed me how to make a pattern from a pair of trousers on sheets of newspaper, and I amended it to make my own.

"I started to get material from the market and make my own clothes, but it wasn't until my youngest son Frankie was born three years ago that I started properly making clothes.

"I made bibs, appliquéd onesies and booties and people started asking where I'd got them."

For details of Becci's sewing classes, email becci@beccibunnymakes.com

£800 fine for lewd comment

A MAN was fined £800 for making an inappropriate proposition to a woman as she left a nightclub.

Thomas Rogers, aged 24, of Orchard Lane, Bilbrook, Wolverhampton, approached a 20-year-old woman in Thurso, Scotland, at around 1am on September 21 last year, repeatedly asking 'how much?'.

David Barclay, prosecuting, told Wick Sheriff Court: "The lady involved was understandably distressed by such an approach and the remarks made."

Rogers admitted using threatening or abusive behaviour. Sheriff Andrew Berry said: "It was an awful thing to do to a woman walking home on her own."

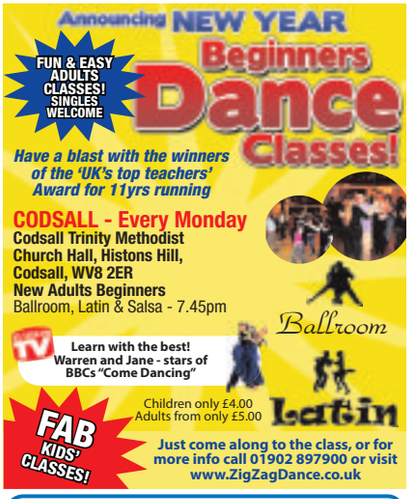
Fiona MacDonald, defending, told the court that Rogers 'deeply regretted' the incident.

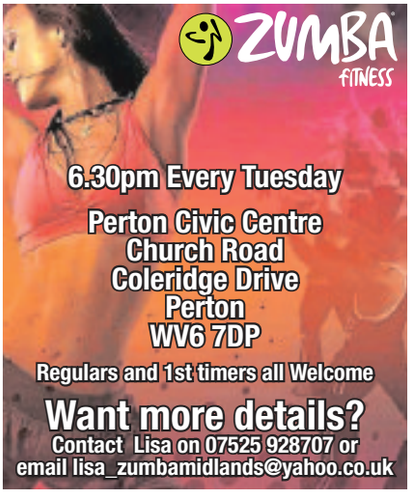
MP's praise for students

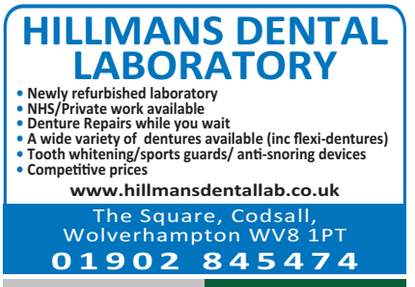
AN MP has praised the standard of education in Codsall.

South Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson recently visited Codsall Hall School and congratulated pupils on their efforts.

Mr Williamson said: "Funding for education in Codsall is improving, but there is still much that can be done. Our pupils deserve an equal investment in their education and I intend to push Ministers to guarantee that."







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Bosses' joy as visitors flock to the attractions

BOSSES are rejoicing after it was revealed visitor numbers at Dudley's three biggest tourist attractions are up by almost a quarter.

The good news comes as work continues on the £10.1 million regeneration of Castle Hill, aimed at attracting thousands more people to the area to visit top attractions Dudley Zoo, Dudley Canal Trust and the Black Country Living Museum.

Dudley's tourism chiefs welcomed the news as a boost not just for the borough, but the whole of the Black Country.

The biggest increase was at Dudley Zoo, where 290,000 people passed through the gates in 2014. This was up by 25 per cent on 2013's figures. While at Dudley Canal Trust, there was a 23 per cent rise for the last quarter of 2014 compared with the same period in 2013. While The overall visitor numbers for the year were up by 10 per cent.

At the Black Country Living Museum, there was an increase of more than 31,000 people visiting the attraction in 2014 compared to 2013. Last year, 271,467 people enjoyed the attraction compared with 240,088 in 2013. This is a rise of around 13 per cent.

The Castle Hill regeneration scheme aims to double the overall visitor numbers to more than one million, as well as creating hundreds of new jobs.

Entrance

The project, which started in 2012, includes the creation of a new entrance off Tipton Road, to create one shared arrival point, a new link between the three existing attractions, and the new archive and local history centre and a new entrance to Dudley Zoo and visitor hub.

A new 700-space car park with coach drop-off facilities will also be created.

Council leader Pete Lowe said: "The full scope of Castle Hill is yet to be completed but These latest figures go to show what impact the multi-million pound investment in the area is having on three world-class visitor attractions.

"Not only is it good news for each of the attractions, but it has to be good for the borough and the region as a whole."

Dudley Zoo chief executive Peter Suddock said: "For the zoo, 2014 was another successful year with visitor growth of 25 per cent totalling 290,000.

"The continued growth reflects the investment that has taken place within the site and the hard work by all our staff to meet visitor aspirations.

"Easter will see another exciting phase of Dudley Zoo's plans with the opening of Castle Creatures our £250,000 investment in the castle with a medieval animal themed exhibit."

Andrew Lovett, chief executive of Black Country Living Museum, added: "I'm delighted that the museum welcomed more than 271,000 visitors in 2014 - the highest level of attendance we have seen in three years.

"One of the main elements which contributed to this increase was the popularity of the museum's special events programme."

Homes proposed for Victorian school

An artist's view of how the 19th century Mount Pleasant School in Coseley will look when converted into homes

This is the vision for the future of a former Coseley school which will be converted into 16 modern homes.

The old Mount Pleasant School, which dates back to 1879, will be transformed under the plans unveiled by Dudley Council.

It follows a campaign by the Friends of Mount Pleasant – which includes several former pupils – to protect the building from the bulldozer. It had faced an uncertain future after the Dudley archives service moved out of the premises last year.

The Friends group had called for the old school to be protected and in December members were delighted when proposals for it to be transformed into housing were announced. The scheme is part of a wider £40million project by Dudley Council to create around 350 new council homes over the next five years.

Councillor Gaye Partridge, cabinet member for housing, said: "Dudley Council is committed to providing more council homes to meet the increasing demand for affordable housing across Dudley borough.

"The Coseley development will be especially attractive and the architects have been keen to retain the historic building.

"The architect's plans have retained as much as possible of the original architecture and features."

COMMERCIAL FEATURE

Export advice to help you grow

Rob Law, founder of Trunki, made huge strides in his business with tax relief support

MANY businesses will be focusing on ways to grow and expand in 2015 and one route to consider is exporting to new markets.

Where there is an appetite from customers, there is an opportunity to expand, which is something that fashion bag manufacturer, Supreme Creations, capitalised on in their early days.

Following enquiries from overseas, they decided to seek advice and launch their products across the globe. Working with UK Trade & Investment (UKTI) and a range of government support services, they managed to smoothly and successfully navigate the world of exporting.

Many small business owners are now looking to the government for a range of guidance to help them build and grow their business.

An example is Andrew Ramroop, the owner of Maurice Sedwell tailors, based on Savile Row. Andrew explains how expert advice from the government has helped his bespoke tailors to be successful.

He says: "After arriving in the UK in 1970 from Trinidad, I had the burning ambition to become a Savile Row tailor and worked hard to fulfil that dream.

"My recommendation for business owners looking to take their organisation to the next stage would be to use the Business is GREAT website for the wealth of advice that is on offer.

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Government support extends beyond advice, to the likes of financial incentives and tax relief too.

The well known children's luggage company, Trunki, accessed tax relief support, helping them to take huge strides forward as a business. Rob Law, founder of Trunki, explains more: "Alongside moving our manufacturing to Plymouth, allowing us to benefit from The Patent Box scheme, we also received government support through R&D tax credits for the development of our BoostAPak children's car seat and for the re-engineered version of our Trunki suitcases, which is now easier to manufacture in the UK and to recycle."

In addition to the growing range of financial sources – such as crowd funding and peer-to-peer lending – there are many government schemes and incentives developed to help companies of all sizes secure funding.

As with Trunki, if your business meets the criteria, it may also qualify for help with business rates or tax relief for research and development, so it's worth doing the homework to see what could benefit your business.

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Theresa in footsteps of optician grandfather

Theresa Richards, of Scrivens Opticians, is based in Oxley in the same office where her grandfather used to live

THERESA Richards is keeping it in the family with her new job at Scrivens, as her grandfather lived and worked there for more than 30 years.

Thomas Flynn, the grandfather of Theresa Richards, who is now regional manager at Scrivens Opticians, left Ireland 60 years to work for the company.

He moved his family into a flat above the Fordhouses branch, at Three Tuns Parade, Stafford Road. Mr Flynn, died aged 93.

Theresa, who joined Scrivens as a trainee receptionist, has fond memories of her late grandfather, who retired aged 77 in 1986 after 31 years with the company.

She said: "I worked with my grandad here for three or four months as a receptionist. In fact, I was the last person whose eyes he tested on his very last day with the company."

Theresa, of Wolverhampton, has now clocked up 30 years of service with the company. She started work through the YTS scheme and went on to manage branches at Fordhouses, Birmingham and Bilston.

Theresa in 1986 with her grandfather Tom Flynn

Sparks fly as welding teams vie for the title

SPARKS were flying when teams from around the country brought their blow torches to Wolverhampton for the Great British Weld-Off.

Morris Site Machinery at Four Ashes again played host for the second annual event which saw 16 bright sparks show off their skills.

The city was represented by apprentices from UTC Aerospace on Stafford Road with Nick Martin mentoring Chris Burns, aged 24, Josh Hickman, 22, Max Freeman, 21 and Dominic Pearce 21.

They took on teams from Coleg Cambria, Neath Port Talbot College and a quartet from Chesterfield College. Coleg Cambria won overall, scooping £2,000 for their welding department and £250 for each team member who also gained membership to the Welding Institute for a year.

The all-day contest began with a written exam and a welding test before the main five-hour challenge which involved each team re-creating an iconic British landmark.

And while the visiting competitors were busy with models of the Angel of the North, Crooked Spire and London Eye, the Wolverhampton lads chose something a little less obvious – traffic lights.

This has local historic significance, however, as the set of lights at Princes Square were the first set of automated traffic lights in Britain when they were installed in 1927. It earned the team a repeat of last year's runners-up position.

Head judge Ian Hogarth was impressed with this year's efforts. He said: "It is not just about welding. The teams are doing all sorts of techniques such as rolling, drilling and pressing. The welding is putting together the other bits that have been made."

Bright sparks get to work during the Great British Weld-Off

Check on cancer risk – call

HEALTH chiefs are urging residents to make themselves aware of the signs of cancer.

Councillor Sandra Samuels, Wolverhampton City Council's cabinet member for health and wellbeing, said: "Sadly cancer rates in the city are higher than in many other parts of the country.

"What's particularly worrying is that people in Wolverhampton are often diagnosed later than elsewhere in the country. This suggests that people in Wolverhampton are either not aware of the possible symptoms of cancer or, for whatever reason, don't go to see their doctor about the symptoms they have.

Many cancers are linked to lifestyle and environmental factors like cigarette smoke, the sun, radiation and asbestos. Councillor Samuels said: "It's clear people can reduce their risk of cancer by improving their lifestyle. I'd urge people to take a few moments to assess their health."

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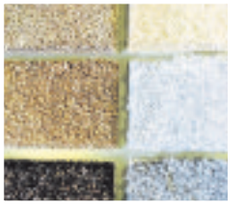
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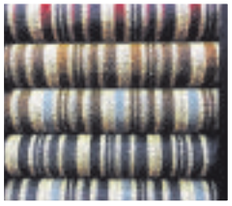
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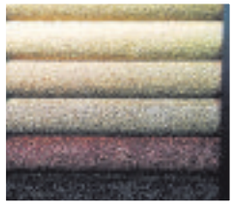
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Poundland in a £55m bid for the 99p Stores

POUNDLAND has launched the first takeover in its 25-year history, aiming to buy rival 99p Stores for £55 million.

It will give the £1-for-everything chain another 251 shops, currently trading as 99p Stores and Family Bargains, and another two million customers who will have to start paying an extra penny when they go shopping in future.

Poundland, which floated on the stock market last year, will also pick up a 300,000 sq ft warehouse and distribution centre in Northampton as part of the deal.

This will add to its existing three warehouses, including one at its headquarters in Willenhall and another in Bilston. The company employs around 700 people across the two Black Country sites.

Benefit

Chief executive Jim McCarthy said: "This is a good deal for both businesses and will benefit customers and shareholders.

"Through working together, Poundland will improve choice, value and service for 99p Stores' customers, bringing Poundland's know-how and range to 99p Stores."

But the deal will have to get the green light from the competition watchdog first. Poundland says it has already had discussions with the Competition & Markets Authority, which will now launch a public consultation. The process is expected to take around two months.

If it gets the go-ahead, and Mr McCarthy said he was 'optimistic', work will start gradually converting 99p Stores into Poundland branches.

Mr McCarthy said it was too early to saw how many competing stores might close as a result of the deal.

Good deal for both – Poundland chief executive Jim McCarthy

Deaf pupils 'being failed'

ALMOST two-thirds of deaf children in the West Midlands have left secondary school having failed to hit national GCSE benchmarks, according to new figures.

The numbers, released by the Department for Education, show 36 per cent of non-deaf pupils fail to hit the same targets. The National Deaf Children's Society (NDCS) called the gap 'disturbing'.

The society said that local authorities in England have reported a continued drop in the numbers of qualified teachers of the deaf. This was particularly concerning given that the numbers of deaf children in England has risen to more than 40,600 this year, the society said.

Commenting on the West Midlands recently figures Susan Daniels, CEO at NDCS, said: ""It's crucial that the Government takes action to clarify how local authorities will be properly held to account for failing deaf children."

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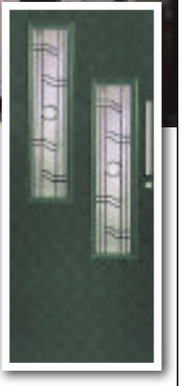

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Steven Henley, James Stevens and Rachel Slater from The Empty Can

Anthem band has new single is Can

THEY'VE already made a stir with their ode to the Black Country and now The Empty Can are back with a new song.

The trio from Dudley describe the song Last Train Out of Wolverhampton as a celebration of the highs and lows of being a touring band. After penning Black Country anthem I Vow to Thee Black Country last year, the band played around 200 gigs.

Singer-guitarist James Stevenson said: "Very often we have been on the last train out of Wolverhampton following a gig."

The band, also made up of violinist Rachel Slater and guitarist Steve Henley, will release second album, Sonic Boom, in May.

They start a residency at O'Neills pub, in Broad Street, Birmingham, this weekend, playing the venue each Saturday night.

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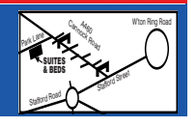

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This one is for you dad, says mountain climber

Mike Boyce at the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, holding a message for his late father

WHEN Wolverhampton Rotary Club president Mike Boyce told his father he was planning to climb one of the world's tallest mountains, he called him 'barmy'.

The next day, 83-year-old Barry died suddenly from a heart attack – inspiring his devastated son to take on one of the toughest challenges he had ever faced.

Mr Boyce had become a keen walker, embarking on treks up Ben Nevis and Scafell Pike but had never tackled anything like Mount Kilimanjaro. When told of the climb, Mr Boyce's father, who established the Daisy Fresh and Essential supermarket in Compton, said: "I think you're barmy Michael but I would be very proud."

With his father's words ringing in his ears, he started the ascent of the 19,341ft peak in Tanzania. And he has already raised nearly £3,500 for charity.As 57-year-old Mr Boyce reached the summit, he held aloft a message that read: "Hi Dad. I did it!"

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Father – Barry Boyce

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Mother, 77, is taking her asbestos fight to Europe

MARY Law's fight began when her son died at the age of 51, after a career working as an electrician in factories where he was exposed to asbestos.

Since then she has been battling for greater compensation for the families of asbestos victims.

Now the 77-year-old from Dudley has taken her campaign to Italy where a ruling against the boss of a firm which allegedly contributed to the death of hundreds was overturned.

Mrs Law, whose son Roy Shipley died in 2010, opened the Arc-Aid charity shop in New Street, Dudley, four years ago and also works as a chiropodist.

After getting involved with the Mesothelioma UK charity, she became aware of the case against Swiss billionaire Stephan Schmidheiny, accused of failing to ensure the safety of workers in asbestos-cement plants run by his now defunct Eternit group in Italy in the 1970s and 80s. More than 3,000 workers died.

He was convicted in 2012, after a three-year trial, and sentenced in absentia to 16 years in prison. But a court in Rome since ruled that he should not have been convicted because the verdict came more than 12 years after the crime. This made the case subject to a 'limitation' law.

Mrs Law is planning to attend an appeal hearing in Belgium.

Asbestos compensation campaigner Mary Law has protested in Rome

Nursing home nod for derelict city site

A DERELICT site on a main route into the city could become an 83-bed nursing home under new plans.

Planning bosses at Wolverhampton City Council have given the green light for the scheme on Birmingham New Road in the Parkfields area.

Consent had previously been given for the project in 2010 but financial constraints meant the development never got off the ground. The site previously housed a number of bungalows that were bulldozed five years ago and a Texaco garage.

Blakenhall councillor John Rowley said he welcomed the proposals to breathe new life into a site that has been empty and neglected for many years.

He said: "It is now securely boarded up but I fervently hope that the project will now go ahead in the reasonably near future."

Planning permission has been granted subject to the delivery of a suitable financial package.

No-one can stop cuts, says top Tory Pickles

MORE cuts will be made to local councils regardless of which party wins the General Election, Communities Secretary Eric Pickles has warned.

The minister, who was visiting Halesowen and Kingswinford recently, said local authorities had to stop 'empire building' and start to share more services.

When asked if the level of funding cuts were sustainable, Mr Pickles said: "It is completely sustainable. Satisfaction in local government and the level of reserves have never been higher.

"It doesn't matter who is running the country after the election, the amount of money is going down.

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"If councils believe they need more money then it is up to them to make the case to the people and run a referendum."

"Telling residents to expect 'more pain' is not appropriate language to use. Councils across the country have been able to find these sums.

"We have done a great deal in giving money where it is needed and have said to them if they are able to generate extra income they can keep it.

By Rob Golledge

"They know what the situation is. We have put money in where the pressure is greatest.

"They really cannot expect to have empires and need to co-operate more with neighbours."

As part of cost-cutting measures Dudley Council has controversially turned to dimming or switching off street lights. Residents have expressed fears it will lead to an increase in crime.

Mr Pickles said such decisions should be taken after talks with residents.

He said: "It has to be a local choice. The big difference now is that we have LED and new technology which has made it more efficient."

Mr Pickles was knocking on doors with Conservative campaigners in Halesowen and Kingswinford, both in marginal constituencies.

Lowdown on women's roles in war

Walsall Central TG

WALSALL Central TG met on February 3 and after the formalities chairman Pat Jones introduced a prospective new member who had learned of the group through the local press.

It is timely that at this time the club thanks the newspapers for their continued support in publishing many of its monthly articles – it is greatly appreciated.

The speaker for the evening was Alan Lewis, most ably supported by his wife Joy and their topic was "Women at War".

Since the earliest of times, when battle lines have been drawn, British women have stepped forward to the fray. The next meeting takes place on Tuesday, March 3 in the Mellish Room, Central Hall, Ablewell Street, Walsall, at7pm when the AGM will take place.

Actress Grenfell is subject of talk

Creating labour of love for NGS

Sutton Coldfield & District Gardeners Mutual Improvement Association

THE first speaker of 2015 was Graham White, accompanied by his wife Mary on the subject of 'Creating a National Gardens Scheme garden'.

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The garden is incredibly beautiful, as shown in slides and a 'virtual tour'.

It was accepted by the NGS in 2009, despite the stream flooding and rising to three-to-four feet twice two days before the inspection.

Opening alongside their neighbours, they have received 3,791 visitors, raising £33,000. The Woodleighton Gardens, Uttoxeter, are open on 11 and 12 July, 1 to 5pm, entrance £3.50.

Penn Townswomen's Guild

AFTER the chairman wished everyone a Happy New Year and completed guild business, she introduced Ashley Adams for a talk on Joyce Grenfell.

Joyce came from a wealthy background, her grandparents were American and she was influenced by her Aunt Nancy who visited England, stayed and married Waldorf Astor.

Joyce often visited Cliveden; she had an expensive education and went to finishing school.

Joyce was well-known for her acting career and her monologues. When she died, her memorial service was held at Westminster Abbey.

On February 25, Philippa Cooper will talk about 'sweet success'.

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BROADLY speaking, Norfolk is the ideal holiday spot, whether you want to just chill or prefer a bit of action.

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And they are a friendly lot, very rarely does a boat glide past without a warm smile or wave from the 'captain'

At Potter Heigham there are two pubs, one with live music at the weekend, and a huge store which sells just about everything.

The village is handy for visiting many of the nearby towns like Wroxham, Horning and of course Great Yarmouth with its usual seaside attractions. You can enjoy a spot of fishing outside the lodge or on the banks.

With Herbert Woods you have the choice of booking a cruiser or a lodge. Having a day boat is great way to dip your toe in the water if you have never done boating before. Unable to choose we went for the best of both worlds, a lodge with a day boat. It's an ideal way to see the wildlife as you travel along the water.

It is so easy to moor up for a quick packed lunch or pop into a pub – not advisable to drink too much if you are the one driving though. There are some lovely places to stop off like Wroxham and Ludham.

If you fancy a bit of exercise pop down the road to Bewilderwood, near Horning and the Broadland cycle hire centre. We were going to go for a tandem but found that co-ordination was a problem so instead opted for two singles. The routes are clearly marked and we were furnished with a map.

But back to the water and it was time to try our hand at canoeing with the hope of staying dry-ish. We popped to Martham Boats just down the road but again co-ordination let us down. We did finally get the hang of it and managed to make some progress – albeit very slowly.

Time to head back to base and a glass of chilled wine on the decking. A lovely few days and too soon it was time to make the reluctant journey home.

* Sue Attwater stayed in The Heron which sleeps six. It has a master en-suite bedroom, two further twin bedrooms, family bathroom and French doors opening onto decking.

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Young get on job ladder as apprenticeships boom

MORE than 40 businesses have taken on apprentices since the launch of the Ladder for the Black Country – creating more than 140 jobs for young people.

Report by Rob Golledge

Nationally, and locally, more and more are choosing the apprenticeship route - and more employers are turning to training their own staff.

Nationally, figures show there were 440,400 apprenticeship starts in the 2013/14 and 147,500 between August and October last year, representing a 57 per cent rise over five years.

Business development director at Performance Through People, Gill Durkin said: "Apprenticeships are the perfect fix for some companies – especially those that are in manufacturing and have very specific skills.

"Apprentices are more likely to stay with your company and progress through, providing stability to your business.

"We have young people you are hungry for work, they are eager, and ambitious – they just need help on getting on the right route with the opportunity to upskill."

For small and medium-sized companies, a government grant of £1,500 is available providing they match the criteria.

The first apprentice to be taken on under the Ladder for the Black Country was 20-year-old Stephanie Lloyd, who started a 12-month work placement with the treasury department at A F Blakemore in October.

Flourished

She has since flourished, while the company has taken on two more apprentices, Marko Mal in IT and Bradley Bryan in the accounts department.

Stephanie said: "The apprenticeship has been going really well. I am learning new skills and have had good feedback."

Paul Cowley, head of corporate affairs, said: "We have received plenty of positive feedback from staff across the business on A F Blakemore's recent apprentices. All have made a significant contribution to the company, bringing essential new skills into the workplace and helping provide vital support with everyday tasks."

Schools have also been engaging with the apprenticeship campaign - with more and more pupils choosing the apprenticeship route.

And Office of National Statistics figures reveal that more than a quarter of graduates were paid less per hour than those on work-based training apprenticeship schemes during 2013.

The Black Country has the highest youth unemployment rates in England.

Since the launch of the Ladder, which has Prince Andrew as its patron, in September more than 40 employers have pledged to create 145 apprenticeships. And 302 young adults have come forward looking for work through the Ladder for the Black Country – which is spearheaded by the Express & Star, the Vine Trust charity, PTP and the Black Country Chamber of Commerce.

Details on www.ladderfortheblackcountry.co.uk or call 03332 409699.

Debt-ridden mother kept drugs at home

A MOTHER of two tried to get out of debt by agreeing to look after a haul of cannabis worth almost £14,000, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

But the plan backfired when Claire Tunnicliff fell under groundless suspicion of theft from a Royal Mail centre in the city, revealed Mr Howard Searle, prosecuting.

As a result the 41-year-old's car was searched and a small amount of cannabis was found, it was said.

Shredded

In a police swoop on her home officers found two and a half kilos of shredded and thinly-cut cannabis leaf with a street value of around £14,000 hidden in a bedroom, cupboard and recycling bin.

Mr Searle disclosed: "The defendant said she was acting as the custodian of the cannabis for others. She said she was in severe debt and had been told she would be paid in drugs."

They also discovered amphetamines for her own us, the court heard. Mr Steven Masih, defending, said: "She is a single parent with two children and was trying to do something about the debt she had run up raising the children. She had a long standing addiction to class B drugs. She has no previous convictions and is very remorseful."

Tunnicliff from Dane Hill Walk, Pendeford admitted possession of amphetamines and possession with intent to supply cannabis and was given a six month prison sentence suspended under supervision for two years.

Recorder Marcus Tregilgas-Davey told her: "You were a custodian for the cannabis but that allows others to ply their trade of providing illegal drugs. You have let yourself and others down."

New vicar hopes to hit the right chord

Rev Charmaine Host, is planning to strum a few chords on guitar in the church services

CHURCH congregations in two villages near Wombourne can expect an injection of folk music into their services, alongside the hymns.

Folk singing is a favourite pastime of Rev Charmaine Host, the new vicar at St John's Church in Swindon and St Michael's Church in Himley, and she is planning to strum a few chords on guitar in services.

"We all have songs which become very meaningful to us, religious or otherwise. The guitar complements a lot of the existing modern music which is played in churches," she said.

The 60-year-old spent the last six years as the vicar in Brewood and Bishops Wood, also in Staffordshire.

In her new role she will double up on Sunday services, 9.30am in Swindon before making the short journey to Himley for the 11am service. On the third Monday of each month Rev Host with lead an all ages service at St John's aimed at attracting newcomers.

Pledge to reveal unknown facts on city's history

THE Battle of Wednesfield, pub signs, the Anglo-Saxon period and Military Cross winner Harold Bantock Sankey are just some of the subjects historians will delve into at the annual Local History Symposium.

It is at the Wolverhampton Archives and Local Studies' Molineux Hotel Building on February 28 and features eight presentations which promise to reveal previously unknown facts from Wolverhampton's past.

Now in its ninth year, the symposium encourages historians to undertake original research into unexplored facets of the area's history, and then gives them a platform on which to share their findings.

It will see Ray Fellows talk about The Battle of Wednesfield, Jefny Ashcroft discuss Wolverhampton in the Anglo-Saxon period, Kate Hartland-Westwood present her research on Wolverhampton Parish apprentices from 1830–1844 and Jane Smith talk about 19th century accidents in Wolverhampton.

City archivist Heidi McIntosh is host and will present one of the speakers with a £400 Local History Bursary, sponsored by the Express & Star and Wolverhampton Civic and Historical Society, to enable them to carry out further research.

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Texas celebrating 25 years of music

Album Reviews

By Leon Burakowski

GLASWEGIAN band Texas celebrate their silver anniversary with an album that reworks their biggest hits and includes four new songs.

One of those new tunes, Start A Family, sets the soulful standard on **Texas 25** (Pias) with a tender vocal from Sharleen Spiteri and a lush arrangement glowing with Hammond organ and slide guitar.

Black Eyed Boy is reinvented as a Motown stomper, Say What You Want has fatter bass and horns, Halo and Inner Smile are given southern soul makeovers, while The Conversation gets a voodoo vibe. When We Are Together finds Sharleen emulating Diana Ross on a Supremes-like revamp.

Their best known song, I Don't Want A Lover, is funkier on these New York-recorded Truth & Soul Sessions whilst keeping the signature slide guitar. Summer Son is given a reggae-like lilt plus lots more Hammond and echo.

Of the new songs, Are You Ready is the weakest but is pleasant enough with its surf guitar and sing-along chorus. Supafly Boy is pure 60s with a Sliced Tomatoes-like backing. Say Goodbye echoes both Say What You Want and Al Green's back catalogue.

If these revamped versions make you nostalgic for the originals, among the various formats of album from February 16 is a double CD pack containing the original hits too. Expect a stripped back, semi-acoustic approach when Sharleen and her boys present An Evening with Texas at Birmingham Symphony Hall on April 19.

London siblings **Kitty, Daisy and Lewis** Durham return with **The Third** — yes it's album number three — exploring a diversity of retro stylings, often with harmonica to the fore on this Sunday Best release.

Sharleen Spiteri, singer with Texas, who have given their repertoire a revamp

Highlights include bluebeat chugger Baby Bye Bye, Kinks-like opener Whenever You See Me, the bluesy Good Looking Woman and Imelda May-ish rockabilly number It Ain't Your Business, all produced by former Clash guitarist Mick Jones.

Jazz singer and pianist **Diana Krall** reworks several modern standards and personalises them in her restrained style that remains somewhat minimalist despite lush production on new album **Wallflower** (Verve).

Songs getting the Krall treatment include California Dreamin', Desperado, Superstar, I'm Not In Love, Sorry Seems To Be The Hardest Word and Don't Dream It's Over. There are a couple of star duets, Michael Bublé joining Krall for a version of Gilbert O'Sullivan's achingly sad Alone Again and Feels Like Home with Bryan Adams. The key track is a new Paul McCartney song, written for Krall, with the former Beatle in full-on romantic mode for I'll Take You Home Tonight which sounds like a lost Wings classic, which she gives due gravitas.

She will be kicking off her UK tour at Birmingham Symphony Hall on September 28.

Despite a sexist sleeve, that was par for the course in the 70s, **The Best of Cerrone Productions** (Because) is a hugely enjoyable glitterball of 70s disco from the stable of ace French producer Marc **Cerrone**. This 36-track double set involves more panting than in the average marathon, lots of pulsating electronics and decadent strings, and bland choral singing, under Cerrone's own name and various pseudonyms/protégés.

Cerrone and Italian counterpart Giorgio 'I Feel Love' Moroder practically invented disco and their flamboyant sounds remain an epitome of ridiculous hedonist fun.

All We Are are a trio who met at university in Liverpool but hail from Ireland, Norway and Brazil, and on their eponymous debut album they demonstrate a kind of aloof cool that could appeal to fans of London Grammar and The XX. Released by Domino, tracks such as Stone and the more upbeat Honey have an icy allure.

No Romeo is the belated debut album from Nottingham singer **Indiana** (AKA Lauren Henson), losing momentum with it being released by Epic several months after her synth pop hit Solo Dancing.

There is depth here, dark subjects explored on songs such as Play Dead and Blind As I Am, from an electronic artist closer in spirit to James Blake or PJ Harvey than typical dancefloor fodder. Seek this if you like Portishead or London Grammar.

Great folk music comes with a Beer

CD REVIEWS

By Danny Farragher

Phil Beer
Plays Guitar and Fiddle, Sings a Bit

MOST people know Phil Beer through his association with Show of Hands.

Exminster musician Beer opens this album of live performances with a stripped down cover of the Weathercock by Jethro Tull's Ian Anderson from their Heavy Horses album.

This gives way to Fire and Wine where Beer brings a really evocative feeling about times around the fire, drinking and singing.

I Cannot Keep From Crying Sometimes is followed by Beer in his element with The Marriage Vow/Gwennap and Old Riley.

Beer seems to find his level with the Devil's Right Hand.

He pulls out a bit of a surprise with Mary from Dungloe and seems to step out of his comfort zone. The Blind Fiddler is hands down the best track on the album and the final track Willin is a slow country song that has shades of Elton John's Yellow Brick Road about it. Plays Guitar and Fiddle, Sings a Bit is available through Talking Elephant.

TAndy Irvine & guests
70th Birthday Concert @ Vicar Street

This tribute to Andy Irvine is compiled with the music of Sweeney's Men, Mozaik, LAPD and Paul Brady. From Kitty's Rambles/The Humours of Ennistymon to A Blacksmith Courted Me/Blacksmithereens this is an album that captures the rich seam of music which Irvine and his fellow musicians have created.

The album is opened by Irvine's latest incarnation LAPD who are Liam O'Flynn, Paddy Glackin, Andy Irvine and Donal Lunny.

Sail Away Ladies and Walking in the Parlour are performed by Mozaik.

The Jolly Soldier, arranged by Paul Brady and The Blarney Pilgrim, arranged by LAPD, sees Brady show his balladeer skills. The second part is the instrumental.

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Nice night out with comics and music

COMEDY character Mrs Barbara Nice will appear in an all-female variety show at a Wolverhampton arts centre.

The show is being presented at the Newhampton Arts Centre in Dunkley Street, on March 5 as part of International Women's Week.

The character has been created by Janice Connolly who appeared as Holy Mary in Peter Kay's Phoenix Nights and Max And Paddy's Road To Nowhere. Miss Connolly has also been in Coronation Street and is artistic director and founder member of Birmingham-based Women and Theatre.

The show at 7pm will feature four comedians and musical acts. Tickets are £8, call 01902 572090.

The mighty Quinn has three dates

SINGER and actor Ray Quinn will be singing in the Black Country and Staffordshire on his UK tour, starting at the Robin 2 in Bilston on March 4.

The Dare To Dream tour also visits the Prince of Wales Theatre in Cannock on April 23 and Lichfield's Garrick Theatre on June 20. The 26-year-old was runner up to Leona Lewis on The X-Factor in 2006 and won ITV's Dancing on Ice in 2009 and the final All Stars series.

Following his first platinum selling album Doing it My Way, Quinn is moving from swing to soul and ballads on new album Dare to Dream, released in April.

Jodie's return as Calamity Jane is now just a whip-crack-away

THE nation's Nancy, Jodie Prenger, is back on the boards in the West Midlands as a rootin' tootin' wild west heroine in the whip-cracking musical Calamity Jane.

The Blackpool girl with the big voice was catapulted into fame when the public voted her their choice to win 2008 BBC TV series I'd Do Anything, the TV talent search for a performer to play Nancy in the revival of Lionel Bart's musical Oliver! at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane.

She won critical acclaim in the role and went on to carve out a career on the stage, both in the West End and on tour, in such shows as Spamalot and One Man Two Guvnors.

She has also become a radio presenter, often deputising for her pal Paul O'Grady on BBC Radio 2.

The UK tour of Calamity Jane, which calls at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre from Tuesday to Saturday, gives Jodie the chance to take on a role famously created on film by her idol Doris Day in 1953.

She will be playing tom boy Jane opposite Tom Lister, best known for playing Carl King in TV's Emmerdale, in the Howard Keel role as Wild Bill Hickock.

One-nighter

The show's Oscar nominated score includes The Black Hills of Dakota, The Deadwood Stage (Whip-Crack-Away), Just Blew in from the Windy City and the Award winning song Secret Love.

Lindsay Posner's revival of 1940s Pulitzer prize winning Broadway comedy Harvey, which was made into a film starring James Stewart, continues at Birmingham Rep with James Dreyfuss as the man who believes he has a giant rabbit pal and Maureen Lipman as his worried sister.

Also at the Centenary Square venue, the main house hosts a special one-nighter on Sunday, A Summer In The South, readings from the works of Colette by Robert Powell and Siân Phillips.

An ageing Caribbean recluse who keeps bees and a teenage heiress clash in The Honey Man by Tyrone Huggins, with the Birmingham playwright himself in the titular role, at The Rep's The Door venue from Monday to Saturday.

By Leon Burakowski

Matthew Bourne's Edward Scissorhands, the choreographer's dream-like dance version of Tim Burton's popular fantasy, continues at Birmingham Hippodrome until Saturday. Then Birmingham Royal Ballet start their latest season at the Hippodrome with Moving Stateside, three American ballets, from February 18 to 21.

The sensational singing siblings who found fame on Britain's Got Talent, Richard & Adam, are at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre on Saturday night. Their Valentine's special features a fellow singer from Wales, Sophie Evans. She found fame as the runner-up on BBC TV's Over The Rainbow in 2010, and went on to perform as Dorothy in The Wizard of Oz at the London Palladium, a role shared with winner Danielle Hope.

Strictly Come Dancing's Brendan Cole is at the Grand tonight (Thursday) with his Latin and ballroom extravaganza A Night To Remember. His former colleagues Vincent Simone and Flavia Cacace star in Dance Til Dawn at the New Alexandra until Saturday, and Anton du Beke and Erin Boag present That's Entertainment at the Symphony Hall on Saturday.

Scene from The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time

Curious drama is a mystery

THE National Theatre's award-winning production of The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time will be staged at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre next week as part of its first UK tour.

Running from Tuesday to Saturday, Simon Stephens' adaptation of Mark Haddon's best-selling novel received seven Olivier Awards, including Best New Play. It was seen by more than 200,000 in the West End.

The play tells the story of Christopher Boone, a 15-year-old ill-equipped to deal with everyday life who is found beside his neighbour's dead dog, Wellington, which has been speared with a garden fork. Christopher is under suspicion, so uses his extraordinary brain and exceptional ability at maths to solve the mystery.

The Curious Incident will be explored again at Birmingham Hippodrome from May 26 to June 6.

Dunlop to play at Kitchen Garden

IF you are out in the Second City on Friday then critically acclaimed Blair Dunlop will be playing the Kitchen Garden Cafe, King's Heath, Birmingham.

Doors open 7.30pm with the show starting 8pm. Tickets are £12 but may incur a booking fee if bought through the website.

On the same night, February 13, the Woodman Folk Club, which meets at the Ashwood Marina, Ashwood Lower Lane, Kingswinford is playing host to Jinksy. Members £6 and non-members £1 more. Shows start 8.30pm.

Then on February 20 you can enjoy The Jigantics, the show starts at the same time and members pay £7, non-members £8.

Carrying legacy of The Dubliners

IF you are a fan of the legendary Dubliners then you will enjoy the group which is carrying on their legacy in Birmingham next week.

The Dublin Legends will be playing the ornate Town Hall, Victoria Square on February 15.

The show starts 7.30pm and tickets are £25 plus the usual transaction fee.

Singer Diana Jones will be playing at Up In Arms, Biddulph, Staffordshire on Wednesday, February 18.

Tickets are £12 and doors open 7.30 for 8pm start.

For anyone wanting more information or to reserve seats then call Eric Cox on 01782 514896.

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CHOICE

Harry Hill

Harry Hill's Stars in Their Eyes
(ITV, 6.30pm)

Harry Hill has never been the sort of funnyman to play it safe, but is his version of Stars in Their Eyes too surreal for mainstream tastes? Some might think so. This looks like the latest failure for the ex-doctor who scored a smash with TV Burp, but the poor reception of stage musical I Can't Sing and Harry Hill: The Movie have left some fans wondering if he will eventually return to Burp. Let's hope so, but for now, settle back and enjoy possibly the last ever edition of his karaoke show. Christina Aguilera (Christie Holland), Frankie Valli (Peter Sarsfield), Lady Gaga (Emma Wright), Paloma Faith (Sharon Williams) and last week's champion hope they have what it takes to win the SITE final.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** James Martin: Home Comforts. **12.00** BBC News; Weather. **12.10** Football Focus. **1.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.00** Live Six Nations Rugby Union. England v Italy (Kick-off 2.30pm). **4.30** Live Six Nations Rugby Union. Ireland v France (Kick-off 5.00pm).

6.55 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

7.15 The Voice UK. The blind auditions continue, although competition is fiercer than ever as the number of available places on each team reduces. Tonight's hopefuls include Beckenham duo the Rise, spoken-word poet Lara Lee and Damian Dalton Smith – the brother of actress Sheridan Smith. Will any of them impress Tom Jones, Will.i.am, Ricky Wilson and Rita Ora enough for them to turn in their seats? Emma Willis and Marvin Humes are backstage with the contestants' families.

8.35 The National Lottery: Win Your Wish List. Shane Richie hosts the game show in which two contestants pick a selection of dream prizes to make up their personal wish lists, all of which have a connection to their shared history together. They then face categories of questions in an attempt to win their chosen items. Including the Lotto and Thunderball draws, presented by Gaby Roslin.

9.25 Casualty. The team struggles to remain professional while treating a child serial killer and the mother of one of her victims. Connie suggests Dylan should apply for the consultant's vacancy.

10.15 BBC News; Weather.

10.30 Match of the Day: FA Cup Highlights. Action from the opening fifth-round matches, which included West Bromwich Albion v West Ham United at the Hawthorns and Blackburn Rovers v Stoke City at Ewood Park; National Lottery Update.

11.35 The Football League Show. Manish Bhasin presents highlights and all the goals from the latest fixtures in the Championship, League One and League Two, including Bournemouth v Huddersfield Town.

12.55 Film: Wake Wood. (2010) **2.20** Weather for the Week Ahead. **2.25** BBC News.

BBC2

6.30 Film: A Double Life. (1947) **8.10** Fred Dibnah's Age of Steam. (R) **8.40** Fred Dibnah's Age of Steam. (R) **9.10** British Isles: A Natural History. (R) **10.00** Six Nations Rewind. **11.00** FA Cup Rewind: Fifth-Round Classics. **12.00** A Taste of Britain. **12.30** A Taste of Britain. **1.00** Shelley Winters: Talking Pictures. **1.30 Film:** The Treasure of Pancho Villa. (1955) Western, starring Rory Calhoun. **3.00 Film:** The Desperados. (1969) Western, starring Jack Palance. **4.30** Final Score. **5.20** The Wonder of Animals. (R) **5.50** The Great British Sewing Bee. (R)

6.50 Flog It! The team visits Coventry Cathedral, where Will Axon and Michael Baggot value items including a collection of Clarice Cliff and a trio of watches. Presented by Paul Martin.

7.35 How We Got to Now with Steven Johnson. New series. The American science author explores the impact on the modern world of innovations in six technologies, beginning by tracing developments in cleaning and sanitation.

8.35 Dad's Army. Walmington-on-Sea leaves its mark on a visiting French general when the platoon repaints Lady Maltby's Rolls-Royce just in time for an official engagement. (R)

9.05 Simon Rattle: The Making of a Maestro. Documentary following the principal conductor of the Berlin Philharmonic over the course of a year as he prepares for a series of concerts, oratorios and operas with five different orchestras. The film also uses archive material to explore Rattle's career, including his days at the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra and the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra. There is also an interview in which he talks about his life and work and there are contributions by Anne-Sophie Mutter, Nicholas Kenyon and Peter Sellars.

10.05 The Dave Clark Five and Beyond: Glad All Over. Documentary looking at the impact and legacy of the London band on the American music scene in the 1960s, when they spearheaded the British invasion alongside the Beatles.

12.00 TOTP2: The 60s. (R) **12.30 Film:** Telstar: The Joe Meek Story. (2008) **2.20** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Bottom Knocker Street. **6.10** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.20** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.10** Sooty. (R) **7.25** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: Nerds & Monsters. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: Adventure Time. **8.30** Scrambled!: Horrid Henry. (R) **8.50** Scrambled!: Hulk and the Agents of Smash. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **10.20** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **11.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **12.30** ITV News; Weather. **12.35** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **1.35** The Unforgettable Larry Grayson. (R) **2.05** The Chase. (R) **3.05** Doc Martin. (R) **4.05** Big Star's Little Star. (R) **5.00** Regional Programme ; Weather.**5.10** ITV News; Weather. **5.25** You've Been Framed: The Next Generation! (R)

6.30 Harry Hill's Stars in Their Eyes. The finalists – Christina Aguilera, Frankie Valli, Lady Gaga, Paloma Faith and last week's champion – return to battle it out for the coveted trophy. Last in the series.

7.30 Planet's Got Talent. Featuring a US grandmother with a knack for hip-hop, a human Ken doll in Russia, a terrifying lesson in self-defence in Nigeria, and Dawn French's encounter with an obscene dancer.

8.05 Take Me Out. Club promoter Seeb, barman Ben, scuba-diving instructor Will and tailor Phil all hope to find their valentine among a line-up of 30 single women. Paddy McGuinness hosts.

9.20 The Jonathan Ross Show. The host is joined by TV double act Ant and Dec, Jonathan Creek star Alan Davies, Hollywood actress Goldie Hawn and Grammy-winning musician Diana Krall, who also performs.

10.20 ITV News; Weather.

10.35 Cricket World Cup Highlights. Australia v England. Tom Skippings presents action from both teams' opening World Cup Pool A match, held at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

11.35 Film: Balls of Fury. (2007) The FBI recruits a washed-up former ping-pong champion to infiltrate an underground tournament run by a criminal mastermind. Comedy, starring Dan Fogler and Christopher Walken.

1.10 Jackpot247. **3.00** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **3.40** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.15 How I Met Your Mother. (R) **6.40** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **7.05** Trans World Sport. **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **10.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **10.30** Frasier. (R) **11.00** Frasier. (R) **11.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.30** Child Genius. (R) **1.30** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Ascot, Haydock Park and Wincanton. **4.15** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.15** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **5.45** The Simpsons. (R)

6.10 The Simpsons. Grampa bumps into a newspaper columnist who becomes fascinated with his life and writes a series of stories about him, but Homer becomes suspicious of the journalist's motives. (R)

6.40 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Our Guy in India. Part two of two. Guy Martin visits Mumbai, where more skyscrapers are being built than anywhere else in the world, and clambers 833ft to the top of India's tallest building, the Imperial. Back on ground level, the daredevil visits a slum where a million people live in the space of one square mile, before experiencing a downpour on his Royal Enfield with the arrival of the monsoons. To avoid slow-moving and dangerous roads, he makes the final leg of his 1,000-mile journey by sea, on his way to compete in Rider Mania. (R)

8.00 The World's Weirdest Weather. An icicle the size of a house causes a street to close in Canada as contractors attempt to remove it using chainsaws, and a mysterious green haze envelops Moscow.

9.00 Film: The Bourne Legacy. (2012) Premiere. The leaders of a secret government agency plan to eliminate several agents as part of a cover-up when they face having their dark secrets exposed. One of the assassins targeted is able to evade his fate and go on the run – but his escape is threatened by his dependence on drugs to boost his physical and mental capabilities. Spy thriller sequel, with Jeremy Renner and Edward Norton.

11.40 Film: Sanctum. (2011) Thriller, starring Richard Roxburgh.

1.40 The Last Leg. (R) **2.40** Random Acts. (R) **2.45** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.55** Location, Location, Location. (R) **5.50** Face the Clock. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** SpongeBob SquarePants. **10.35** Access. **10.40** The Dog Rescuers. (R) **11.05** Ice Road Truckers. (R) **12.05** Ice Road Truckers. (R) **1.00** Ice Road Truckers. (R) **2.00** Ice Road Truckers. (R) **3.00 Film:** Columbo: Double Shock. (1973) **4.30 Film:** Columbo Goes to the Guillotine. (1989) Detective drama, with Peter Falk.

6.20 5 News Weekend.

6.25 NCIS. The team tries to track down Harper Dearing following the bomb attack on the NCIS headquarters, which has left Ziva and Tony trapped in a lift. (R)

7.10 NCIS. Part one of two. Gibbs is injured in an explosion while conducting inquiries aboard a ship and lapses into a coma, during which he has flashbacks of his hidden past. (R)

8.05 NCIS. Gibbs emerges from his coma with amnesia, meaning he is unable to provide the team with vital intelligence regarding a terrorist plot. (R)

9.00 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. The death of popular high-school chemistry teacher Chet Messener in a fire appears at first to have been an accident, but the CSIs notice an accelerant was used at the scene and deduce they may have a murder on their hands. They discover Messener was until recently part of a secret coven at the school that had been dabbling in the arcane arts, and had also been selling steroids to the athletics team.

10.00 Law & Order. A dispute over a missing pair of trousers ends in murder – and the ensuing investigation leads Lupo and Green to a businessman working for a shady multinational corporation.

10.55 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. Stabler and Benson search for a teenage boy who disappeared after revealing he had become sexually attracted to his much younger stepbrother. Christopher Meloni stars. (R)

11.45 True Crimes: The First 72 Hours. The rape of a nine-year-old girl is linked to the unsolved murder of a woman in Toronto three years previously when DNA evidence proves the assaults were by the same person. (R)

12.15 SuperCasino. **3.10** 10,000 BC. (R) **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **5.15** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Great Movie Mistakes **8.00** Top Gear **9.00 Film:** Tropic Thunder (2008) **10.40** Backchat with Jack Whitehall and His Dad **11.10** Family Guy **1.50** Crims **2.20** Uncle **2.50** South Side Story **3.20** Backchat with Jack Whitehall and His Dad **3.50** Close

BBC Four
7.00 Amazon: Unnatural Histories **8.00** A Very British Murder with Lucy Worsley **9.00** Spiral **10.40** Charlie Brooker's Weekly Wipe **11.10** Horizon: Solar Storms – The Threat to Planet Earth **12.10** Horizon: Swallowed by a Black Hole **1.10** Top of the Pops: 1980 **1.50** Love Songs at the BBC: A Valentine's Day Special **2.50** A Very British Murder with Lucy Worsley **3.50** Close

ITV2
11.05 The Cube: Celebrity Special **12.05** Educating Joey Essex: Supermodel Student **1.10 Film:** Small Soldiers (1998) **3.20** You've Been Framed! **4.50 Film:** She's the Man (2006) **7.00 Film:** Back to the Future (1985) **9.20** Take Me Out – The Gossip **10.05** Reality Bites **10.45** The Keith Lemon Sketch Show **11.15** Ibiza Weekender **12.15 Film:** I Now Pronounce You Chuck & Larry (2007) **2.20** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.45** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3
12.00 A Touch of Frost **2.10 Film:** Holiday On the Buses (1973) **3.55** Wycliffe **5.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **7.00** Doc Martin **8.00** Foyle's War **10.00** Lewis **12.05** A Touch of Frost **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4
11.25 The Big Fish Off **12.25** Hogan's Heroes **1.30** Counting Cars **2.30** Storage Wars **2.55 Film:** Blues Brothers 2000 (1998) **5.30** Storage Wars **6.20** Storage Wars: Texas **7.15 Film:** Police Academy 3: Back in Training (1986) **9.00 Film:** Game of Death (2010) **11.05 Film:** The Keeper (2009) **1.10** River Monsters **2.05** Hogan's Heroes **2.50** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4
11.35 Marry Me **12.00** New Girl **1.00** Melissa & Joey **2.00** The Big Bang Theory **3.30** How I Met Your Mother **5.00** Troy **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00 Film:** Run Fat Boy Run (2007) **11.00** The Inbetweeners **12.10** How I Met Your Mother **12.40** 2 Broke Girls **1.40** Troy **2.40** The Cleveland Show **3.25** Don't Trust the B**** in Apartment 23 **4.10** How I Met Your Mother **4.30** Charmed **5.15** Rude(ish) Tube

Film4
11.00 Bless This House (1972) **1.00** St Trinian's (2007) **3.00** Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid (1969) **5.10** Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (2009) **6.55** One Day (2011) **9.00** The Brave One (2007) **11.25** Betty Blue: The Director's Cut (1993) **3.05** Close

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CHOICE

Michael Gambon

The Casual Vacancy (BBC1, 9pm)
New series. Drama adapted from the novel by JK Rowling, set in an English village whose seemingly idyllic facade hides a community at war. At the parish council meeting, chairman Howard Mollison introduces his plans to turn the community centre into a health spa, but he reckons without local solicitor Barry Fairbrother, who makes an impassioned speech about the importance of the centre to the impoverished people of the nearby estate. However, an unexpected turn of events leaves an empty seat on the council – leading to the biggest battle Pagford has ever seen. Michael Gambon, Rory Kinnear, Keeley Hawes and Julia McKenzie star.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **8.00** Match of the Day: FA Cup Highlights. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Sunday Politics. **12.15** Match of the Day Live. Aston Villa v Leicester City (Kick-off 12.30pm). **2.30** Live Six Nations Rugby Union. Scotland v Wales (Kick-off 3.00pm). **5.00** Songs of Praise. **5.35** BBC News; Regional News.

6.00 Super Cute Animals. Wildlife cameraman Gordon Buchanan embarks on a global journey to find some of the world's cutest animals, aiming to understand why people find them so endearing and revealing the surprising science behind each different creature. He begins with the giant panda, whose unusually large head tells a story of millions of years of evolution and survival. Gordon also reveals how the fennec fox's ears are crucial to its survival, discovers the surprising secret behind a penguin's waddle and meets a five-year-old chimpanzee whose giggle reveals new information about man's evolution.

7.00 Countryfile. The pros and cons of the hunting ban in Gloucestershire, using pedal-power to exercise foxhounds and how motorway services on the M5 are being redefined for the 21st century.

8.00 Call the Midwife. A Christian Scientist couple refuse medicine for their newborn baby – a case that becomes more complicated when they are accused of harming their child.

9.00 The Casual Vacancy. New series. Drama based on the novel by JK Rowling, set in a seemingly idyllic village where the locals go to war over an empty seat on the parish council. Michael Gambon stars.

10.00 BBC News; Regional News.

10.30 Match of the Day: FA Cup Highlights. Action from the latest fifth-round matches, including Aston Villa v Leicester City at Villa Park and Arsenal v Middlesbrough at the Emirates Stadium.

11.20 The Apprentice USA. The celebrities are tasked with producing a live cooking demonstration for a steak company, as well as creating and naming a new meat variety pack.

12.45 Film: Stolen. (2010) **2.10** Weather for the Week Ahead. **2.15** BBC News.

BBC2

6.15 Great British Garden Revival. (R) **7.15** Glorious Gardens from Above. (R) **8.00** Countryfile. (R) **9.00** The Football League Show. (R) **10.20** FA Cup Rewind: Fifth-Round Classics. **11.20** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **12.50** The Great Comic Relief Bake Off. (R) **1.50** Food & Drink; (R) Weather for the Week Ahead. **2.25** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.10** Open All Hours. (R) **3.40** To the Manor Born. (R) **4.10** Hi-de-Hi! (R) **4.45** Flog It! Trade Secrets. **5.15** Alaska – Earth's Frozen Kingdom. (R)

6.15 Ski Sunday. Highlights from the alpine skiing world championships from Vail/Beaver Creek in Colorado, including the men's giant slalom discipline.

7.00 The Motorway: Life in the Fast Lane. Catthorpe is a major interchange linking the M1 and A14 to the start of the M6, but now it's about to be redesigned at a cost of more than £190million to make it safer and less congested. Overseeing the work is construction manager Mark Sutton, who has to ensure the local residents are happy, as well as relocating a protected colony of great crested newts. Elsewhere, the Highways Agency and maintenance teams cope with the aftermath of an overturned lorry that spilt a cargo of milk on to the carriageway. Last in the series. (R)

8.00 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson compares BMW's M4 with its hybrid-powered i8 model and Richard Hammond pays tribute to the Land Rover. With guests Will Smith and Margot Robbie.

9.00 Dragons' Den. Ideas pitched include an anti-piracy device for sailors, a children's bike horn, a brand of ice-cream with an east Asian flavour and a shopping app. Evan Davis presents.

10.00 Modern Times: Mayfair. Documentary about the characters who live and work in the area of central London, from an upmarket resident who dresses in Victorian clothing to a cabbie living in social housing.

11.00 Film: The Quiet American. (2002) A British journalist in 1950s Vietnam befriends an American aid worker, but suspects his new acquaintance is not all he appears to be. Drama, with Michael Caine and Brendan Fraser.

12.35 Film: The Night of the Generals. (1967) **2.55** Countryfile. (R) **3.50** Holby City. (R) **4.50** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

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6.35 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.45 ITV News; Weather.

7.00 Get Your Act Together. Actress Nina Wadia (best known as EastEnders' Zainab) is mentored by mind reader Marc Paul. Emmerdale's Roxy Shahidi (Leyla) joins contortionist Pixie Le Knot, TV presenter Matt Johnson is coached by tap dancers Tap Corps, former Hi-de-Hi! star Ruth Madoc teams up with mime artist Les Bubb, and pop twins Jedward collaborate with Jump Rope UK for some double-dutch skipping. Host Stephen Mulhern follows the rehearsals leading up to the contestants' big performances as they compete for a place in next week's final.

8.15 All Star Family Fortunes. Retired Bolton midfielder Fabrice Muamba and newsreader Ranvir Singh team up with their families in an attempt to win a jackpot of £30,000 for charity.

9.00 Mr Selfridge. Frank learns he may be unwittingly complicit in Kitty's attack, Harry realises his feelings for Nancy are stronger than he first thought, and Violette makes her move on Victor.

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

10.20 Perspectives: Sheila Hancock – The Brilliant Bronte Sisters. The actress explores the work of the 19th-century literary family, setting out to discover what inspired them to write such epic novels seemingly worlds apart from their own lives. (R)

11.15 Premiership Rugby Union.

12.10 The Store. **2.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **3.15** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.15 NFL: Rush Zone. **6.40** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **7.05** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast. (R) **1.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.25** The Simpsons. (R) **2.55 Film:** City of Ember. (2008) Fantasy adventure, starring Saoirse Ronan. **4.40** Channel 4 News. **5.05** Location, Location, Location. (R)

6.05 A Place in the Sun. Sara Damergi helps Hull couple Peter and Julia Andrews find a holiday home in Fuerteventura on a budget of £60,000.

7.00 The Hotel. It's the end of the summer season and Mark prepares to bid farewell to the Cavendish, but he has more than work on his mind as his mum Stella recovers from a stroke in hospital. Hoping to secure his legacy at the hotel, the entertainments manager plans a lavish black-tie gala celebrating local family businesses, but with time running out, he admits to ex-colleague Alison that he's only sold 23 out of 70 seats.

8.00 The Auction House. New series. As the goods arrive for the week's sale at Lots Road Auctions, the valuers admire a pair of opulent dog beds, while a regular buyer helps a friend kit out her mansion.

9.00 Indian Summers. New series. Drama set in 1932, telling the story of the decline of the British Empire and the birth of modern India. Ralph Whelan and the rest of the Indian Civil Service begin the annual move to Simla, while doyenne of the social scene Cynthia Coffin prepares the exclusively white British Club for the start of the summer season. The train to Simla is delayed, however, when a boy is found collapsed on the railway tracks, while a mysterious assassin makes his way to the city.

10.40 Gogglebox 2014. Highlights from the reality show, featuring the nation's favourite armchair critics commenting on popular TV programmes as they watch them.

12.15 Film: No Country for Old Men. (2007) **2.20** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. (R) **3.05** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.20** River Cottage Bites. (R) **5.30** Face the Clock. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **6.30** Pip Ahoy! (R) **6.40** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.55** Chloe's Closet. **7.05** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.10** Olly the Little White Van. **7.15** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.30** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.45** Paw Patrol. (R) **8.00** Little Princess. (R) **8.15** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.30** Wanda and the Alien. **8.40** Zack and Quack. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Jelly Jamm. (R) **9.30** LazyTown. (R) **10.00** SpongeBob SquarePants. **10.35** Robson's Extreme Fishing Challenge. (R) **11.25** Robson's Extreme Fishing Challenge. (R) **12.25** Cowboy Builders. (R) **1.25 Film:** How to Make an American Quilt. (1995) Drama, starring Winona Ryder. **3.35 Film:** Loch Ness. (1996) Family drama, starring Ted Danson. **5.30 Film:** Lady and the Tramp. (1955) Disney animated adventure, with the voice of Barbara Luddy.

7.05 5 News Weekend.

7.10 Film: Memphis Belle. (1990) The crewmen of an American B-17 bomber prepare for their final flight before returning home to a hero's welcome. However, the mission – to launch a daylight raid on a supply factory in a heavily defended German city – threatens to be the most hazardous they have ever undertaken. Fact-based Second World War drama, with Matthew Modine, Eric Stoltz, John Lithgow, Harry Connick Jr, Tate Donovan and Billy Zane. Edited for language and violence.

9.00 Film: War of the Worlds. (2005) A divorced father's rare weekend with his two estranged children descends into horror when alien war machines rise from beneath Earth and begin to systematically destroy every human being in their path – leaving the man with the dangerous task of getting his kids to safety. Steven Spielberg's sci-fi thriller, based on HG Wells' novel, with Tom Cruise, Dakota Fanning, Justin Chatwin, Miranda Otto and Tim Robbins.

11.20 Film: Crag Me to Hell. (2009) A bank employee is cursed to suffer a series of misfortunes, and has to break the spell in three days before a demon takes her to Hell. Horror, with Alison Lohman.

1.15 SuperCasino. **3.10** 10,000 BC. (R) **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **5.15** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 The Voice UK **8.20 Film:** Meet the Parents (2000) **10.00** I Survived a Zombie Apocalypse **11.00** Family Guy **11.50** Uncle **12.20** American Dad! **12.40** I Survived a Zombie Apocalypse **1.40** Bangkok Airport **2.35** Crims **3.05** Bangkok Airport

BBC Four
7.00 The Great War **7.40** Britain's Wild Places **8.00** Simon Rattle and the Berlin Philharmonic, London 2015 **9.40 Film:** Goodbye First Love (2011) **11.30** Wonders of the Solar System **12.30** Sounds of the 70s **1.00** Neil Sedaka: King of Song **2.00** Neil Sedaka Says: All You Need Is the Music **2.45** You've Got a Friend: The Carole King Story

ITV2
11.40 Take Me Out **12.55** Take Me Out – The Gossip **1.40** You've Been Framed! **2.10** Scorpion **3.05 Film:** The Little Vampire (2000) **5.00 Film:** Space Jam (1996) **6.45 Film:** Miss Congeniality (2000) **9.00** Ibiza Weekender **10.00** The Keith Lemon Sketch Show **10.30 Film:** Not Another Teen Movie (2001) **12.35 Film:** The Invention of Lying (2009) **2.20** Teleshopping

ITV3
12.05 Wycliffe **1.50** Agatha Christie's Marple **3.50** Rosemary & Thyme **4.55** Inspector Morse **7.00** Lewis **9.00** The Best of the Royal Variety **10.00** Birds of a Feather **10.30** City Lights **11.35 Film:** Parenthood (1989) **1.55** Countrywise Kitchen **2.20** Countrywise **3.10** On the Buses **3.40** Emmerdale

ITV4
11.15 Film: For Whom the Bell Tolls (1943) **2.25** Pawn Stars **5.10 Film:** Police Academy 3: Back in Training (1986) **7.00** The Big Fish Off **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00** Harry's South Pole Heroes **10.00** Cricket World Cup Highlights **11.00 Film:** Horsemen of the Apocalypse (2009) **12.55** Hell on Wheels **1.40** River Monsters **2.30** Nitro Circus **2.50** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4
12.30 Revenge **1.30** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **2.30** The 100 **3.30** Rude(ish) Tube **5.00** Melissa & Joey **6.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **6.30** The Big Bang Theory **8.00 Film:** Zoolander (2001) **9.45** The Inbetweeners **10.50** Rude Tube Shorts **11.05** Rude Tube **12.10** Taking New York **1.15** How I Met Your Mother **2.10** Rules of Engagement **3.00** The New Normal **3.45** Hollyoaks

Film4
11.00 Ten Tall Men (1951) **1.00** Stardust (2007) **3.30** The Lost World (1960) **5.25** The Waterboy (1998) **7.05** The Seeker: The Dark Is Rising (2007) **9.00** The Cold Light of Day (2012) **10.50** Unfaithful (2002) **1.15** Weekend (2011) **3.20** Close

FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
Act of Valor, Channel 5, 11pm
A team of elite Navy personnel is sent on a mission to rescue a kidnapped CIA agent. Their mission leads them to uncover a conspiracy between a Russian drug smuggler and a fanatical terrorist, and a plan to launch a devastating attack on the United States. Military adventure, starring Alex Veadov and Roselyn Sanchez. (2012)

TUESDAY
Carry On Girls, ITV, 11.40pm
The council of a seaside town is in dire need of a means to attract tourists to its resort, so announces a beauty contest. While the conniving organiser plots a series of publicity stunts, an outraged feminist group plans to sabotage the event. Comedy, starring Sid James, June Whitfield, Joan Sims, Barbara Windsor, Bernard Bresslaw and Peter Butterworth. (1973)

Erin Brockovich, Wednesday, Channel 5, 10pm

WEDNESDAY
Erin Brockovich, Channel 5, 10pm
A single mother desperate for work pleads her way into a routine administrative job at a law firm. It is not long before she stumbles across mislaid documents about a case brought against a corporation for poisoning the residents of a small town by contaminating their water supply. Realising something is amiss, she begins her own investigation. Fact-based drama, with Julia Roberts in an Oscar-winning role. (2000)

THURSDAY
AI: Artificial Intelligence, BBC1, 11.45pm
A highly advanced robotic boy is created with one purpose - to love his owner as a parent. When he is rejected by his "mother', he is left to roam the bleak landscapes of a futuristic America with a fellow android, searching for a means of becoming a real boy in the hope of regaining her love. Steven Spielberg's sci-fi drama, starring Haley Joel Osment. (2001)

FRIDAY
2001: A Space Odyssey, BBC2, 11.05pm
Scientists detect a mysterious black monolith on the moon is transmitting a signal to Jupiter. A spacecraft is sent on a mission to investigate the origins of the strange object, but as they near their destination, the astronauts realise the computer controlling the ship is turning against them. Stanley Kubrick's sci-fi epic, with Keir Dullea. (1968)

PICK OF THE WEEK

The truth will finally be revealed this week

On February 19, 1985, an icon was born. At 7pm, viewers heard Simon May and Leslie Osbourne's unforgettable theme for the first time before the opening scene – involving the discovery of pensioner Reg Cox's corpse by Dirty Den Watts and his pals.

Yes, EastEnders burst onto the TV landscape that night and has been a mainstay ever since, grabbing the attention with numerous controversial, gritty and enthralling headlines.

Who can ever forget Den handing wife Angie divorce papers on Christmas Day 1986, watched by over 30 million people? Or Kat announcing that she's Zoe's mother? Or even Frank turning up naked on Pat's doorstep? Now there's an image that can't be erased from the memory…

The latest massive storyline has involved the murder of Lucy Beale, which took place on Good Friday last year.

After almost 12 months of wondering whodunit, we should find out the truth in tonight's two episodes and tomorrow's much-publicised live edition – but executive producer Dominic Treadwell-Collins claims there's even more excitement to come.

"As we celebrate our 30th anniversary, we have set ourselves an enormous challenge – a week of live scenes, a form-breaking flashback, a live episode, story twists that will leave a lump in the throat and a few moments that will elicit genuine gasps from our audience."

The tension will have been building across the week, beginning on Tuesday with Barbara Windsor's return as battleaxe Peggy Mitchell. While much of Tuesday to Thursday's episodes have been pre-shot, live scenes will also be included on each night, just to spice things up a little – and no doubt keep the actors on their toes.

Tuesday will have been dominated by the fate of Ronnie Mitchell, and Wednesday by Ian and Jane's wedding, but it's Thursday and Friday that fans are most interested in.

Nick Cotton – yes, Nasty Nick, one of the soap's original characters – is about to meet his maker, Kim goes into labour and secrets about the Mitchell clan come to light before Lucy's death takes centre stage once more.

Thursday's second episode sees Hetti Bywater return to the role in flashback, as the night of her murder is relived. The whole of Friday's edition will then be broadcast live, and following various revelations, it's fair to say that life in Albert Square may never be the same again.

"Everyone is really buzzing and excited about it," says actor Shane Richie of the live aspects of the anniversary. "We can't wait for it to come! You know it's a really big team effort and everyone's really excited about it. Obviously some have got more to do than others but the fact that we're involved in it is a blessing."

Will viewers think all the effort has been worthwhile once the week is over? Let's hope so – in fact, let's hope we're all tuning in again in another 30 years time as Walford turns 60, when we may be looking back at memorable moments that include the unveiling of Lucy Beale's killer.

Hetti Bywater stars as Lucy in EastEnders, Thursday, BBC1, 9.30pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
Match of the Day Live
BBC1, 7.30pm
Preston North End v Manchester United (Kick-off 7.45pm). Coverage of the concluding FA Cup fifth-round tie at Deepdale, as the League One hosts look to cause an upset. United have been drawn away from home to lower-league opposition in all three of their ties so far, and needed a replay to get past Cambridge United in round four, as did Preston, as they won 3-1 at Sheffield United. The sixth-round draw follows the match. Presented by Gary Lineker.

UKIP: The First 100 Days
Channel 4, 9pm
'What if' is one of the greatest, and occasionally most chilling premises for any drama, as Twilight Zone and Black Mirror have proved over the years. Occasionally Channel 4 also make one-off political dramas such as The Trial of Tony Blair, and this docu-drama from the producers of excellent Maisie Williams drama Cyberbully. It's set in a future where UKIP have won a shock victory in the 2015 general election, and Nigel Farage is Britain's Prime Minister. It follows the work of a newly elected MP, Deepa Kaur, UKIP's only female Asian MP enduring frontline politics during her first 100 days in office.

TUESDAY
THE GIFT
BBC1, 9pm
Matt Baker meets 51-year-old Jon Howe, who as a boy was the school bully. He is ashamed of the torment he dealt out to one boy in particular – Simon Pierce – and now wants to find his former classmate to apologise. But will Simon even want to see him, let alone forgive him? Mel Giedroyc hears from 46-year-old Lisa Whaymand, who was diagnosed with leukaemia but survived thanks to a bone-marrow transplant. Now she would like to meet her donor – despite their identities being kept anonymous.

WEDNESDAY
WOLF HALL
BBC2, 9pm
The Act of Supremacy has declared Henry the supreme head of the church in England, but Holy Roman emperor Charles V and his ambassador Eustache Chapuys refuse to recognise the new title or the monarch's divorce and subsequent marriage. With Anne pregnant and away from court, Henry begins to take more notice of Jane Seymour, whose family enlist Cromwell's help in their dealings with the king – much to Anne's displeasure. Historical drama, starring Mark Rylance.

Bear Grylls: Mission Survive, Friday, ITV, 9pm

THURSDAY
CUCUMBER
Channel 4, 9pm
It may lack the sparkle and originality of his groundbreaking Queer as Folk, but Cucumber has nevertheless won over a new generation of fans and kept Russell T Davies' existing supporters more than happy. It's also introduced the world to an intriguing central character in Henry Best, the middle-aged insurance expert who has put his previously happy relationship with long-standing partner Lance on the line during a moment of madness. This week, his lies seem destined to catch up with him, potentially putting him on a collision course with everyone he loves.

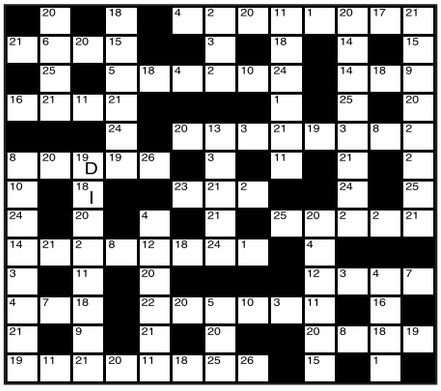
FRIDAY
THE MUSKETEERS
BBC1, 9pm
King Louis accepts an invitation to view the solar eclipse at the castle observatory of renowned astronomer Marmion, so Rochefort and a trio of Musketeers escort the courtiers. However, just as the sun is blocked out by the moon, a shocking turn of events leaves the royal party fearing for their lives. Just who is this Marmion and what is his game? Back at the garrison, Athos and Treville remain unaware of the danger faced by the king and their friends – until help arrives from an unexpected source. Tom Burke, Santiago Cabrera and Howard Charles star.

Bear Grylls: Mission Survive
ITV, 9pm
New series. Eight celebrities embark on a 12-day expedition in the rainforest of Costa Rica, where they must learn to navigate difficult terrain, build shelter, make fire and eat the food that nature provides. From abseiling down ferocious waterfalls to crossing perilous rapids, the stars face a range of challenges and Bear himself eliminates one of them each week, leaving three in the final. Kelly Holmes, Mike Tindall, Emilia and Laurence Fox, Max George, Jamelia, Vogue Williams and Tom Rosenthal make up the team.

BRAIN GYM No.312

Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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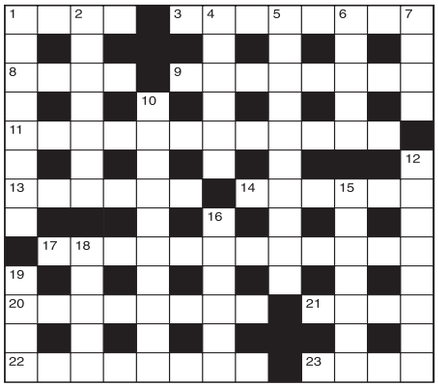
Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.



Cryptic Clues:

Across

1 & 3Ac. He's most likely to succeed (4-8)
3. See 1 Across
8. How many removed from the Vatican in excommunication? (4)
9. By which Parliament votes for a large military unit (8)
11. Honesty is the necessary quality of a good ruler (12)
13. Interfere with the decoration, by the sound of it (6)
14. Make an attack in some of the fiercest R.A.F. expeditions (6)
17. Almost synonymous with an evening-dress? (5-7)
20. Doing what Ivy does (8)
21. One in the vessel is a murderer (4)
22. This indicates the way to finish off secretarial correspondence (8)
23. Endlessly give one's attention to the boss (4)

Down

1. Fine looking vehicle, we hear (8)
2. Eroding badly, but went unheeded (7)
4. An unfortunate state in which to make a solemn promise (6)
5. A falsehood by a whole group of people leads to estrangement (10)
6. Ways out for ten in different site (5)
7. Small container required before the end of the day (4)
10. What the dentist acting as a locum will do (4,3,3)
12. Dear ones thought things out differently (8)
15. What strange skill will get across! (7)
16. They make it possible to track down South American money! (6)
18. Giving confectionery a topping finish (5)
19. Scripture book put back in the oldest cathedral (4)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Snug (4)
3. Motion (8)
8. Approaching (4)
9. Each person (8)
11. Decrease in affection (12)
13. Blow (6)
14. Essential commodity (6)
17. Unconcern (12)
20. Bills (8)
21. Wise men (4)
22. Banish (8)
23. Remain (4)

Down

1. Summarise (8)
2. Smash (7)
4. Plunder (6)
5. Imperious (10)
6. Contempt (5)
7. A vegetable (4)
10. Defamation (10)
12. Rashness (8)
15. Locket (7)
16. Influence (6)
18. New (5)
19. Jetty (4)

Sudoku

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Left-handers; 9 Hammers; 10 Anvil; 11 Attic; 12 Sten-gun; 13 Roamed; 15 Sledge; 18 Stopper; 20 Pleat; 22 Ashes; 23 Stand-in; 24 Freeholders. Down: 2 Emmet; 3 Treacle; 4 Assist; 5 Drake; 6 Ravaged; 7 Theatre seat; 8 Clandestine; 14 Another; 16 Lapland; 17 Presto; 19 Paste; 21 Elder. QUICK - Across: 1 Contraction; 9 Eatable; 10 Never; 11 Erode; 12 Certain; 13 Rescue; 15 Adhere; 18 Typical; 20 Urban; 22 Odour; 23 Genesis; 24 Remorseless. Down: 2 Outdo; 3 Tableau; 4 Agency; 5 Tenor; 6 Obviate; 7 Penetration; 8 Drunkenness; 14 Suppose; 16 Diurnal; 17 Aligns; 19 Cargo; 21 Basis.

Quiz

1. Who chaired the arms-to-Iraq inquiry?
2. What is recorded using a sphygmomanometer?
3. Who painted the Rokeby Venus?
4. Into which river do the Great Lakes drain?
5. In which county was the churchyard of Thomas Gray's famous Elegy?
6. In which country is the Great Bear Lake?
7. For which element is Ba the symbol?
8. Who was the commander of Apollo 11?
9. Of which country was Yitzhak Rabin prime minister?
10. Who wrote Les Fleurs du mal?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Rita Hayworth; 2 Navarre; 3 Australian; 4 Longchamp; 5 Aaron; 6 Quakers; 7 St Luke; 8 Meerschaum; 9 Kentucky; 10 Gilbert and George.

Niner: PHILANDER

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

12385 gives a large bird,
439 gives a fish,
876 gives another fish.

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Call 01902 427257 or visit the website at www.dbroberts.co.uk

Extended detached character cottage

THIS charming, extended detached cottage of character and charm in Newbridge Avenue, Newbridge, Wolverhampton has open views over playing fields at the side.

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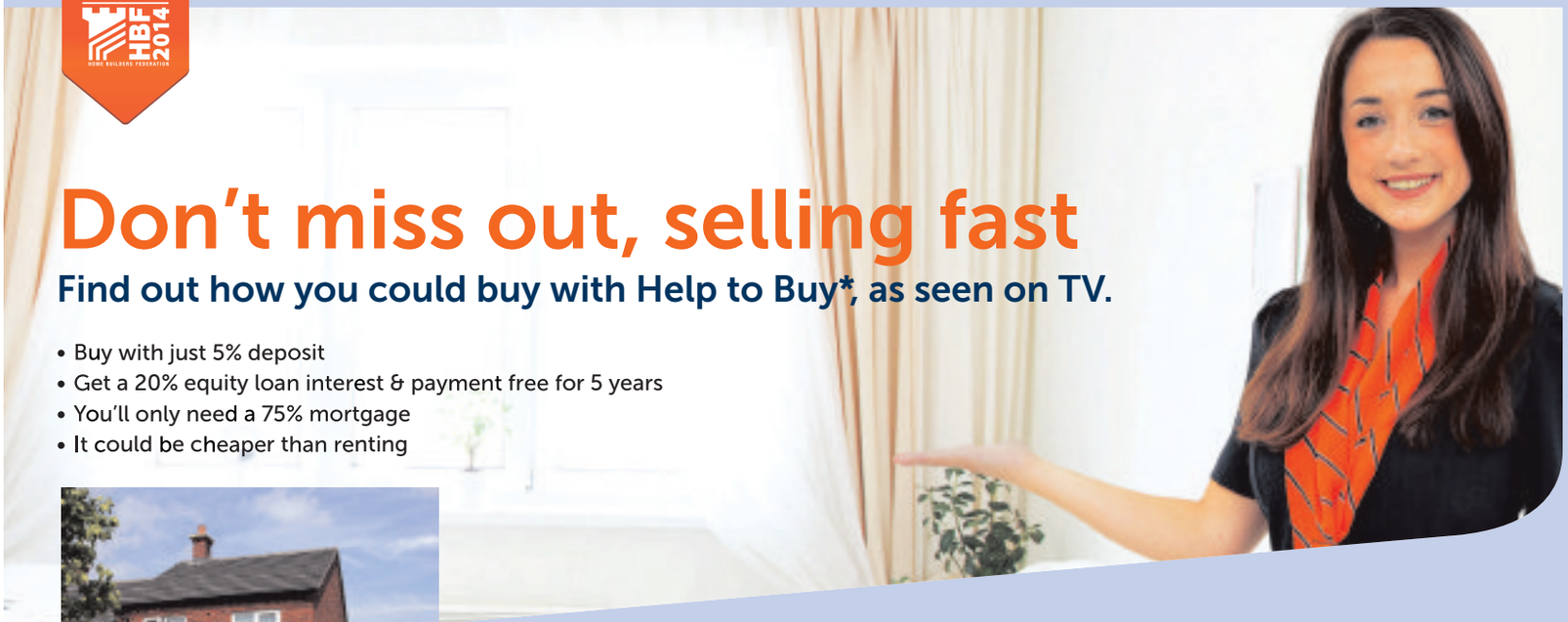

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- Fitted Kitchen
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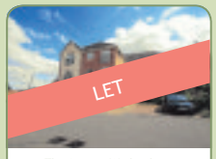

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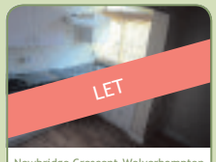

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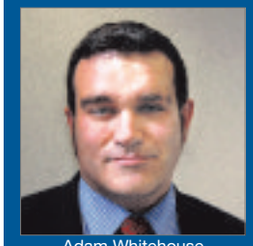

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WEDNESFIELD £129,500 — NEW

CANNOCK ROAD
Convenient location for surrounding amenities. A deceptively spacious 1920s semi. Extended and with 3 bedrooms, 2 reception rooms, majority D.G. a large rear garden, gated driveway and detached garage. Offered with no upwards chain and including fixtures/fittings (as listed) - Viewing is highly recommended for full appreciation. (EPC = TBC)

BLAKENHALL £129,000 — NEW PRICE

FOWLER STREET
An interesting property offering much future potential and situated just south of the City. Although in need of some cosmetic refurbishment, the property does benefit from a new roof, damp proof course treatment plus modern C.H. and UPVC D.G. (both where specified). There is a side driveway and a rear westerly facing garden. (EPC 63 = D)

STOW HEATH £124,950

LABURNUM ROAD
An immaculate Detached Family home in tucked away backwater! Through Lounge/Diner, restyled Kitchen and Bathroom, attractive gardens and Single Garage! Gas C/Heating and D/Glazing. Book a viewing now! (EPC 57=D)

BILSTON £119,950 — NO UPWARD CHAIN

BAILEY ROAD
Neatly tucked away with a deceptively big garden! This Three Bedroom Detached sits at the end of a cul de sac close to Metro and Buses. Two Reception, Kitchen and bath/wc. D/Glazing and gas C/heating. Driveway to parking/garage space. Great for caravan storage! No onward chain! (EPC 53 = E)

BILSTON £109,950

FIELDSIDE WALK
A very generous sized Three bed semi in a unique position directly facing fields. Very close to Villiers school and within a short walk of Bilston centre with it's leisure and shopping facilities. Hall, extra downstairs WC, lounge, Dining/Kitchen, Bathroom. Property also includes drive and single Garage at rear. DG and electric heating. (EPC 59 = D)

BILSTON £89,950 — NO UPWARD CHAIN

NELSON AVENUE
What a great project! A traditional family semi in cul de sac with off road parking and close to Metro and schools. Great for college too! Three Bedrooms and Two Receptions. Extension to kitchen. With majority double glazing and central heating with combi. No onward chain. (EPC 58 = D)

BLAKENHALL £89,950 — NEW

POPLAR STREET
A traditional end terraced home within this popular and convenient location. Ideal for shops, bus network and the city. Deceptively spacious and with 2 reception rooms and 2 bedrooms. With uPVC DG and radiator CH (both where specified). Offered with no upwards chain and offers invited. (EPC 41 = E)

BILSTON £76,000 — NO UPWARD CHAIN

BIRMINGHAM NEW ROAD
A simple project to personalise to taste! Deceptive traditional terraced with brilliant access to station and buses. Hall, Lounge, Dining Room/Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms and massive bathroom. Combi boiler and garden front and rear. No onward chain. (EPC 61 = D)

BILSTON Rent £750pcm

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Large 3 bed detached house
2 reception rooms
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3 bed semi
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Furnished or unfurnished
EPC 82 = B

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Private garden
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EPC 43 = E

WOLVERHAMPTON Rent £525pcm

TETTENHALL ROAD
Popular location
Refurbished
2 bedrooms
Communal gardens
Garage
EPC 60 = D

WEDNESFIELD Rent £495pcm — NEW

SMALLSHIRE CLOSE
Two Bedrooms
Off Road Parking
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UPVC Double Glazing
Fitted Kitchen
Electric Storage Heating
EPC 70 = C

BILSTON Rent £475pcm

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Perton Court Cottage, Pattingham Road - £549,950

CODSALL WOOD

Situated in a delightful location in Codsall Wood this deceptive detached property belies a most impressive interior and viewing is essential to appreciate the spacious and versatile living accommodation which incorporates many features throughout.

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Doon House, Whitehouse Lane - £475,000

CODSALL WOOD

Occupying a delightful rural location on the outskirts of Codsall Wood yet convenient for easy access to Codsall village this characteristic semi-detached property is a superb example of its type and must be inspected to appreciate the appealing interior. Reception Porch to Entrance Hall * Choice of Two Living Rooms * Kitchen with matching suite of units & integrated appliances * Landing * Two Double Bedrooms * Spacious Family Bathroom * Mature Well Stocked Rear Garden * Electric Heating & Mainly Double Glazing * EPC Rating

Thistledown, Harriotts Hayes Lane - £194,950

TETTENHALL

Occupying a most pleasant position in a small exclusive cul de sac location in a favoured residential area convenient for the majority of amenities this deceptive detached bungalow offers surprisingly spacious living accommodation.

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3 Broxwood Park - £299,950

TETTENHALL

Occupying a choice position in a small select cul de sac within walking distance of Tettenhall Village this modern detached property has been built to a well-planned specification utilising the maximum space and providing ideal accommodation as a family house. The tastefully appointed interior with gas central heating & mainly double glazing further includes:

Occupying a choice position in a small select cul de sac within walking distance of Tettenhall Village this modern detached property has been built to a well-planned specification utilising the maximum space and providing ideal accommodation as a family house. The tastefully appointed interior with gas central heating & mainly double glazing further includes:
Entrance Hall * Fitted Cloakroom * Good Size Living Room * Dining Room * Breakfast Kitchen with integrated appliances * Utility * Landing * Four Bedrooms * Family Bathroom * Double Width Garage * Enclosed Mature Rear Garden *EPC Rating D

9 Redacres - £292,500

TETTENHALL

Occupying a choice position on a small exclusive development within easy walking distance of Tettenhall Village and the amenities therein this desirable bungalow is an ideal example of its type. Entrance Hall with Stores * Fitted Kitchen with matching suite of units & integrated appliances * Living Room * Separate Dining Room/ Bedroom * Master Bedroom * Well Appointed Bathroom * Attractive Landscaped Surrounding Gardens * Mainly Double Glazing * Storage Background Heating * Garage & off Road Parking * EPC Rating E * Offered at a very attractive asking price of £185,000

49 Hanover Court, Haywood Drive - £185,000

CODSALL

Characteristic three bedroom semi-detached cottage property occupying a choice position adjacent to farm land yet within easy reach of the majority of amenities. The charming accommodation includes:

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40a Lane Green Road - £195,000

PERTON

Situated in probably one of the prime locations on this popular modern development this detached bungalow occupies a corner position in a small select cul de sac. The well planned accommodation includes:

Entrance Hall * Kitchen with matching suite of units * Good Size Living Room * Separate Dining Room/ Bedroom Three * Inner Hall Two Bedrooms with built in furniture * Refitted Bathroom * * Driveway leading to detached Garage * Landscaped Enclosed Rear Garden * Gas Central Heating & Mainly Double Glazing* EPC Rating D

2 Mere Oak Road - £199,950

WOLVERHAMPTON

Situated in a small cul de sac just off the Tettenhall Road and within easy access of the majority of amenities including West Park and the city centre, this modern townhouse property is a fine example of its type. Tastefully reappointed by the present owner, the deceptive interior provides well planned living accommodation. Reception Porch to Entrance Hall * Fitted Kitchen with matching suite of units comprising built in Cooker * Open Plan Living Room with Dining Area * Landing * Three Bedrooms * Bathroom with white suite * Enclosed Rear Garden * Gas Centrally Heated & Mainly Double Glazed * EPC Rating D

10 St Edmunds Close - £110,000

PALMERS CROSS

Situated in a popular residential area convenient for the majority of amenities including schools and shops this attractive semi detached property has been restyled to create a most attractive and practical interior. The gas centrally heated & mainly double glazed interior includes:

Reception Porch to Entrance Hall * Front Living Room * Open Plan Kitchen with Family/ Dining Room * Double Glazed Conservatory * Landing * Three Bedrooms * Bathroom with white suite * Driveway leading to Carport * Mature Enclosed Rear Garden * EPC Rating E

5 Coniston Road - £169,950

PENN

Convenient for the majority of amenities and within easy access of the city centre this traditional semi-detached property has been thoughtfully restyled by the present owners to create spacious and versatile living accommodation whilst incorporating a number of impressive features throughout.

Reception Porch to Entrance Hall * Choice of Two Reception Rooms * Double Glazed Conservatory * Kitchen with matching suite of units & built in cooker * Landing * Three Bedrooms * Bathroom with White Suite * Good Size Side Stores * Mature Enclosed Rear Garden * Gas Centrally Heated & Mainly Double Glazed * EPC Rating D

4 Fairview Road - £159,950

DUNSTALL

Situated in a popular residential area being particularly convenient for easy access to the city centre this deceptive end terraced property offers surprisingly spacious living accommodation. Reception Porch * Choice of Two Reception Rooms * Kitchen with matching suite of units * Inner Lobby * Bathroom with white suite * Landing * Three Bedrooms * Enclosed Rear Garden * Gas Central Heating & Mainly Double Glazing * EPC Rating D

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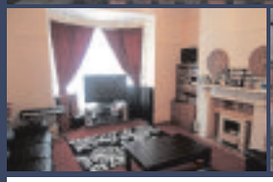

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Willenhall Road

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Austin Street

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COLMAN AVENUE | £110,000

- EPC Rate Awaited,Three Bedroom Semi
- 2 Reception Rooms,Rear Lobby, WC
- Utility Room,Gardens, Off Road Parking
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VERWOOD CLOSE | £115,000

- EPC Rating Is Grade D, Three Bed Semi
- Open Plan Kitchen/Diner, Parking
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LICHFIELD ROAD | £125,000

- EPC Ratings Awaited ,Three Bed Semi
- Modern Kitchen,Good Sized Rear Garden
- Parking,Gas Central Heating System
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- Canalside Access, Conservatory
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- EPC Rate is D
- Five Bedroom Detached
- Cul De Sac Location,Lounge/Diner,
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RENTON ROAD | £110,000

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EPC Grade D●Extended Four Bedroom Detached House●Thru Hallway●Lounge And Dining Room●Breakfast Kitchen●Utility Room●Cloakroom WC●Ensuite To Master Bedroom●Further Family Bathroom●Open Aspect To The Rear●NO UPWARD CHAIN

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NEW

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HOPTON CLOSE

EPC Grade C●Three Bedroom Detached House●Lounge And Dining Kitchen●Utility Room And Cloakroom WC●Garage●Double Glazing●Gas Central Heating●Cul De Sac Location●NO UPWARD CHAIN

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KINGSWEAR AVENUE

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EPC Grade C●Four Bedroom Semi Detached House● Lounge & Breakfast Kitchen● Ensuite To Bedroom Four● Further Family Bathroom● Double Glazing● Gas Central Heating● Cul De Sac Location● Open Aspect To The Rear● NO UPWARD CHAIN

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NEW

FOSTER GREEN

EPC Ratings Awaited●Modern Two Bedroom Semi Detached House●Entrance Hall●Lounge●Dining Kitchen●Bathroom With White Suite●Rear Garden●Driveway For Parking●Triple Glazing●Cul De Sac Location

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NEW

CONWAY ROAD

EPC Grade Is D●Two Bedroom Semi Detached Bungalow●Lounge●Fitted Kitchen●Double Glazing●Gas Central Heating●Driveway For Parking●Front & Rear Gardens

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REDUCED

DEAN COURT

NO UPWARD CHAIN ●EPC Rating Is Grade E ●One Bedroom Gallery Bungalow ●Lounge & Modern Fitted Kitchen ●Shower Room W/C With White Suite ●Front And Rear Gardens ●Cul De Sac Location ●Gas Central Heating

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PERTON £100,000

NEW

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EPC Ratings Awaited● Two Bedroom First Floor Apartment ● Lounge/Diner● Modern Fitted Kitchen● Two Double Bedrooms● Gas Central Heating● Double Glazing● Bathroom With White Suite● Garage En Bloc● NO UPWARD CHAIN

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NEW

CABOT GROVE

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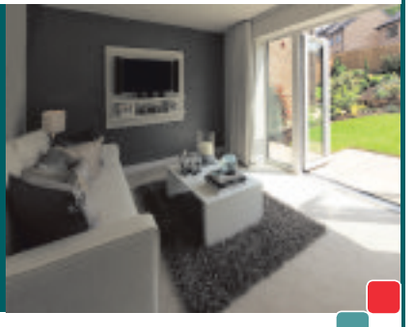

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£485,000

YORK AVENUE FINCHFIELD

An especially attractive and much improved Detached Family Residence of much character and appeal enjoying a delightful setting in this highly popular residential area well served by a wide range of excellent local facilities. Enclosed porch, hall, fine through lounge/dining room, refitted breakfast kitchen, side lobby/utility, store room (potential cloakroom), landing, three double bedrooms, deluxe "Victorian style" bathroom, uPVC DG, CH, garage, generous sized rear garden with an attractive aspect. No upward chain. Awaiting EPC.

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£250,000

WINDMILL LANE CASTLECROFT

An admirable modern Detached Family Residence in need of some redecoration holding a splendid corner setting in this highly popular area; excellent local shops, schools and bus services are readily available and Wolverhampton City Centre and the University are within easy travelling distance. Reception hall, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen, 4 bedrooms, bathroom, enclosed rear garden, large garage, gas central heating, uPVC double glazing. Energy rating: E

£240,000

LAWN LANE COVEN

An attractive and much improved Linked Detached Family House well positioned close to the village centre and handy for a wide range of local facilities. Hall, lounge, well fitted dining kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, CH, uPVC DG, garage, gardens. Energy rating: D

£220,000

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PENTLAND GARDENS COMPTON

An extended Detached Bungalow of much attraction and charm enjoying a lovely secluded setting in this highly popular neighbourhood. Standing in delightfully landscaped gardens, the property offers: Reception hall, guests cloakroom, fine 21ft lounge, refitted dining kitchen, utility, inner hall, two bedrooms, uPVC double glazed conservatory, deluxe shower room, uPVC DG, CH, garage, workshop/garden store. Viewing recommended. Energy rating: D

£199,950

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Offers from £190,000

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Offers, guide £185,000

DEWSBURY DRIVE PENN

A particularly attractive Linked Detached Bungalow of considerable appeal enjoying a gently elevated setting in this highly popular road and offering well planned and easy to maintain accommodation. Reception hall, lounge/dining area, refitted kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom, CH, double glazing, garage, laid out gardens. Energy rating: D

£185,000

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£160,000

BELMONT ROAD PENN

Enjoying an attractive elevated setting in this popular road, a considerably extended Detached Family Residence in need of some modernisation and redecoration but affording considerable scope for improvement. Enclosed porch, hall, cloakroom with w.c., dining room, extended lounge, "L" shaped breakfast room/kitchen, utility, three bedrooms, bathroom, loft room conversion, majority uPVC DG, CH, garage, gardens. Early sale desired. Energy rating: D

£160,000

WHITEHALL ROAD PENN

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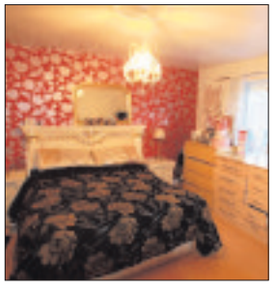

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LOT 1

18 HARDIE AVENUE, RUGELEY

FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION
- Semi detached house
- Requiring some repair and improvement
- Benefiting from being predominantly double glazed
- EPC rating F (30)

GUIDE PRICE £65,000

LOT 2

62 HARDIE AVENUE, RUGELEY

FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION
- Semi detached house
- Benefiting from all windows being double glazed
- In need of general improvement
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LOT 3

17 WHITEBARK CLOSE, HEDNESFORD
LEASEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION
- Ground floor flat
- located in popular residential area
- Ideal buy to let
- EPC rating D (64)

GUIDE PRICE £45,000-£55,000

LOT 4

10 GLENCOE DRIVE, CHADSMOOR, CANNOCK

FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION
- Semi detached house
- Two bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Predominantly double glazed
- Ideal buy to let
- EPC rating E (54)

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LOT 5

LAND ADJOINING COLLIERS COTTAGE, 122 PELSALL ROAD, BROWNHILLS, WS8 7DP

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LOT 6

MARFORD, 2A WHARWELL LANE, GREAT WYRLEY

FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION
- Detached bungalow
- Three bedrooms
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- In need of improvement
- EPC rating C (78)

GUIDE PRICE £150,000-£170,000

LOT 7

6 BROCTON CLOSE, BLOXWICH
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION
- Mid terraced house
- Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Ideal buy to let
- EPC rating 71

Guide Price: £75,000 to £85,000

LOT 8

BRADCOTT, 11 BRADWELL LANE, CANNOCK WOOD

FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION
- Attractive double fronted semi detached cottage
- Predominantly double glazed
- Benefiting from gas fired central heating
- EPC rating E (46)

GUIDE PRICE £125,000+

LOT 9

BUILDING PLOT ADJ BRADCOTT, 11 BRADWELL LANE, CANNOCK WOOD
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION
- Good sized roughly rectangular building plot having planning permission for the erection of one 3 bedroomed detached house

GUIDE PRICE £70,000+

LOT 10

DOCTORS SURGERY, 24 BIDEFORD WAY, CANNOCK
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION
- Modern purpose built detached single storey building
- Currently uses as Doctors surgery
- Benefiting from gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
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OFFERS AROUND £795,000

FINCHFIELD

• Imposing double-fronted detached residence offering outstanding family accommodation of exceptional merit in excellent setting within much favoured locality • Very spacious layout with lavishly refurbished specification blending traditional character with luxurious appointments and stylish decorative finishes to exquisite overall effect • 25ft Lounge • Bay-fronted Sitting / Dining Room • 17ft Sitting Room • Large Breakfast Kitchen with superb range of fittings • Utility / Laundry and Cloaks / Shower Room • Master Bedroom with en-suite Shower Room • Three further double Bedrooms • Two de-luxe Bathrooms • Office / Study • Gas-fired central heating • Double glazed windows • 22ft Garage plus extensive forecourt parking • Large rear garden (approx. 100ft x 60ft) including splendid feature patio and pergola • Overall plot area almost one quarter of an acre • (EPC: D)

OFFERS AROUND £485,000

WROTTESLEY

• Outstanding Barn Conversion in exclusive small Grade II Listed courtyard complex within lovely secluded semi-rural setting about five miles west of Wolverhampton city centre • Surprisingly roomy accommodation, steeped in rustic character whilst presented and appointed with very stylish contemporary specification. Most effective! • Fitted Cloakroom off Hall • Large L-shaped Living Room • Elegant Conservatory • Luxurious 20ft Kitchen with fine range of quality fittings, granite surfaces, integrated appliances etc. • Four Bedrooms, all with fitted furniture • Lavishly appointed en-suite Shower Room and Principal Bathroom • Gas-fired central heating • Double glazed windows • Garage and forecourt parking facilities • Prettily landscaped garden • EPC: D

OFFERS AROUND £420,000

SWINDON

FIRST ADVERTISEMENT

BRIDGNORTH ROAD • Exceedingly spacious and much improved 4 Bed, 3 Bath Semi-Detached period residence originally dating from mid 19th century and standing in grounds of about 1/3rd of an acre • . Roomy accommodation with a good standard of fittings • Hall • Fitted Cloaks • Open plan Sitting Room with log burner and huge Breakfast Kitchen • Lounge with wood burner • 3 generous first floor Bedrooms one with En-Suite • Family bathroom • Second floor Bedroom with En-Suite Bathroom • Hardwood double glazed windows and oil CH • Extensive gardens • Electric gated entrance and Double Garage • Semi-rural location on Wombourne village outskirts convenient for its facilities • (EPC: D)

OFFERS AROUND £410,000

TETTENHALL WOOD

• Outstandingly attractive Detached residence occupying prominent corner position in one of the city's most popular localities • Delightful accommodation blending charming character with a very well appointed modern specification • Porch and Hall • Large Lounge • Spacious Dining Room • Additional Sitting Room • Stylish Kitchen with range of integrated appliances • Coordinating Utility/Laundry • Fitted Cloakroom • Master Bedroom with contemporary-style Shower Room en-suite • Three further Bedrooms • Contemporary-style Bathroom • Gas-fired central heating • Double glazed windows • Extensive forecourt parking facilities • Generous "Garage-sized" storage facility • Neatly landscaped garden with good degree of privacy • (EPC:D)

OFFERS AROUND £399,950

PATTINGHAM

• Substantial detached residence of individual design enjoying choice setting within exceptionally popular semi rural village with good local amenities • Extended layout offers impressively proportioned family accommodation with scope for upgrading specification to exploit full potential • Fitted Cloakroom off Hall • 25ft Living Room giving defined Sitting and Dining Areas • Lounge with marble fireplace • 18ft Breakfast Kitchen • Four Bedrooms, all with wardrobes, one with en-suite Toilet Room • Bathroom including shower • Gas-fired central heating • Double glazed windows • Two / three car Garage plus block-paved forecourt parking facilities • 90ft rear garden with westerly aspect. (EPC:D)

OFFERS AROUND £379,950

WIGHTWICK

• Individually styled detached residence pleasantly positioned in exclusive cul-de-sac within one of the city's most sought after neighbourhoods • Comfortably appointed accommodation of well proportioned layout • Hall with fitted Cloakroom • 20ft Lounge • Stylish open plan link to separate Dining Room • Spacious Breakfast Kitchen with excellent range of fittings • Side Lobby with Laundry facility • Four Bedrooms (two with built-in wardrobes) • Distinctive Bathroom featuring both freestanding bath and separate shower cubicle • Gas-fired central heating • Virtually full double glazing • Garage plus forecourt parking facilities • South-easterly facing rear garden including feature timber-decked and paved patio areas. (EPC:E)

OFFERS AROUND £339,000

COMPTON ROAD

• Imposing traditional-style Detached residence offering excellent family accommodation in prominent location little more than one mile west of city centre • Spacious layout blending character features with attractively appointed modern specification, nicely presented throughout • Fitted Cloaks/Shower Room off Hall • Two generously proportioned Reception Rooms • 15ft Study/Office/Sitting Room • Well equipped Kitchen including range cooker • Utility/Laundry Area • Four double Bedrooms • Bathroom and separate Toilet • Gas-fired central heating • Double glazed windows • Extensive forecourt parking facilities • 110ft rear garden (EPC:F)

OFFERS AROUND £329,950

TETTENHALL WOOD

• Superb Detached Bungalow occupying impressive corner plot within the delightful environment of highly regarded locality on the city's western outskirts • Deceptively compact appearance conceals surprisingly roomy accommodation with excellent standard of appointment • Fitted Cloakroom off Hall • 18ft Dining Room • 18ft Lounge with marble fireplace • Stylish Kitchen with extensive range of fittings and appliances • Two double Bedrooms, both with wardrobes • Fully tiled Bathroom featuring both bath and separate shower cubicle • Gas-fired central heating • Double glazed windows • Double-width Garage • Lovely south-facing rear garden enjoying considerable privacy • (EPC: D)

OFFERS AROUND £299,950

COMPTON

NEW PRICE

• Spacious detached residence particularly pleasantly positioned in select small cul-de-sac off Richmond Road with easy direct access into city centre • Very versatile accommodation of impressively proportioned layout and high standard of appointment • Fitted Cloakroom off Hall • Superb Lounge (approx. 20' x 12') with marble fireplace • 15ft Dining Room • Large Sitting Room or fourth Bedroom • Breakfast Kitchen with extensive range of fittings • Three first floor Bedrooms (one with excellent range of fitted wardrobes) • Smart white contemporary-style Bathroom • Gas-fired central heating • Double glazed windows • Double-width Garage plus generous driveway parking • Southerly aspect rear garden (EPC:D)

OFFERS AROUND £289,950

WOMBOURNE

FIRST ADVERTISEMENT

BRIDGEWATER DRIVE • Delightfully positioned modern style 4 Bed Detached originally built by David Payne Homes occupying a pleasant cul-de-sac position on this consistently popular development, handily placed for schools and village facilities • Superbly presented and fastidiously maintained interior • Hall with fitted Cloaks • Elegant Lounge with attractive fireplace • Dining Room • Luxuriously refitted Breakfast Kitchen with a range of integrated appliances • Master Bedroom with En-Suite Shower Room • 3 further Bedrooms • House Bathroom with corner bath • Gas CH and double glazing • Garage • Beautifully landscaped private rear garden • (EPC: tbc)

OFFERS AROUND £275,000

WOMBOURNE

MOUNT PLEASANT AVENUE Spacious 3 Bedroom Detached Bungalow residence set in an established position of popularity just off Ounsdale Road convenient for the village centre facilities. Enlarged in recent years the accommodation now features: Porch and Reception Hall; Lounge with slate fireplace and gas fire; separate Dining Room; Large Breakfast Kitchen plus separate Utility; 3 Bedrooms, two with wardrobes; Bathroom with corner bath and shower cubicle; Gas CH and uPVC double glazing; Large Garage and Workshop; Delightful rear garden with lawns and fishpond; Two driveways providing off-road parking • (EPC: D)

OFFERS AROUND £275,000

SWINDON

THE HOLLOWAY • Delightfully positioned modern style 4 Bed Detached situated on village outskirts near to glorious South Staffordshire countryside and handy for day to day shopping needs and primary schooling • Versatile interior layout with Gas CH and uPVC double glazing • Entrance Lobby • Hall • Fitted Cloaks • Lounge • Spacious Dining Kitchen with a range of 'light oak' units and built-in appliances, the dining area with wood burner • uPVC double glazed Conservatory • 20ft Utility Lobby, Store Room and Shower Room/Laundry (potential for creation of separate suite) • 4 good Bedrooms, one with En-Suite • House Bathroom • Off-Road Parking • Private, low maintenance rear garden • Adjoining grazing land may be available to rent • (EPC: E)

OFFERS AROUND £275,000

CLAVERLEY

NEW PRICE

HIGH STREET • Delightful stone-built Grade II listed period Cottage in heart of historic Claverley village Conversation Area just off Bull Ring near to the impressive All Saints Church • Stylishly appointed interior blending with authentic rustic features • Reception Hall • Fitted Cloaks • Laundry • Farmhouse style Dining Kitchen with integrated appliances • Pleasant first floor Lounge with log burner style gas fire (propane) and exposed beams • 3 Bedrooms, one with En-Suite • Luxurious House Bathroom with roll top bath • Oil CH • Enclosed rear garden • Side Area with oil tank and propane gas bottle store • Shared use of Garage/Store at rear (EPC: F) • • NO UPWARD CHAIN • •

OFFERS AROUND £250,000

WOMBOURNE

OUNSDALE ROAD • Traditional style 3 Bed Detached in established position of popularity within walking distance of the village centre and close to schools of all grades • 180ft long rear garden, ideal for the keen gardener! • Neatly presented interior • Porch and Entrance Hall • Lounge with attractive fireplace and living flame gas fire • Separate Dining/Sitting Room • Useful Cellar • Galley style Kitchen • Utility & Lobby with Toilet off • 3 Bedrooms • Refitted Shower Room • Gas CH and double glazing • Off-Road Parking to front • Lovely, established rear garden with lawns, stocked borders and two timber sheds • (EPC: E) • • NO UPWARD CHAIN • •

OFFERS AROUND £239,950

SWINDON

HINKSFORD GARDENS • Delightfully positioned modern style 2 Bed Detached Bungalow in elevated position on corner of Hinksford Gardens and Hinksford Lane with lovely views over surrounding countryside • In need of some cosmetic upgrading and modernisation the property nevertheless offers a rare opportunity to create a comfortable home to individual tastes in pleasant surroundings • Hall • Spacious Living Room • Good sized Kitchen • 2 double Bedrooms, both with wardrobes • Bathroom with shower • Garage and store • Gas CH and uPVC double glazing • Long front garden and driveway with additional driveway to other side (space to extend subject to PP) • Private rear garden • (EPC: D) • • NO UPWARD CHAIN • •

OFFERS AROUND £205,000

WOMBOURNE

GIGGETTY LANE • Extended 3 Bedroom Traditional style Semi-Detached house in established position on southern fringes of the village, convenient for public transport and schools and handy for the nearby Sainsbury's store • Roomy interior layout • Hall • Interlinked Lounge and Dining Room with wood burner • Spacious Kitchen • 3 Bedrooms, one being 24ft long • Luxuriously refitted Bathroom with shower • Gas CH and uPVC double glazing • Integral Garage and wide gravelled off-road parking area to front • Generous sized rear garden 8 (EPC: tbc)

OFFERS AROUND £195,000

WOMBOURNE

LANES CLOSE • Superbly presented and stylishly updated 2 Bedroom End-Terraced house with Conservatory in popular estate setting, convenient for the village facilities, schools and supermarket shopping • Cosy, compact and economical layout • Entrance Lobby • Elegant 'L' shaped Lounge/Dining Area • Superbly refitted Kitchen with built-in oven, hob and cooker hood • Spacious 13ft x 11ft uPVC double glazed Conservatory • 2 Bedrooms • Luxuriously refitted Shower Room • Gas CH and uPVC double glazing • Garage in nearby block • Pretty front garden and hard landscaped garden to rear • (EPC: D) • • NO UPWARD CHAIN • •

OFFERS AROUND £139,950

BRADMORE

FIRST ADVERTISEMENT

• Cottage-style semi in pleasant cul-de-sac position within favoured neighbourhood with good selection of local amenities conveniently accessible • Neatly planned accommodation presented in very attractive order with excellent standard of appointment • Spacious Living Room with Adam style marble fireplace • Dining Kitchen incorporating integrated appliances • Two double Bedrooms (one with built-in wardrobe) • Stylish Bathroom including shower • Gas-fired central heating • Double glazed windows • Driveway parking facility. • Rear garden enjoying south-westerly aspect • (EPC: D)

OFFERS AROUND £136,500

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Mokka is a clever package

By David Banner

Small crossovers should be fun and fashionable but that doesn't mean they can't also be versatile, capable and practical too. Like Vauxhall's little Mokka? Perhaps. Here's the new face of this changing brand and it's one you might find yourself growing to like.

Suddenly, Vauxhall design is all about the delivery of that most current of automotive traits, the 'lifestyle statement'. Has been ever since brand parent General Motors belatedly realised that profit, not market share, was of most importance in achieving commercial respectability. And the result has been a whole wave of interesting new models wearing the Griffin badge – the individualistic ADAM premium supermini, the stylish Cascada convertible and our subject here, the interesting Mokka small SUV crossover.

Under the bonnet, there are three main engine options, the most affordable, as ever, being the least desirable of the trio, the 2WD-only, 115PS petrol, 1.6-litre variant which, with only 155Nm of torque, needs to be rowed along a little with the gear lever – a stick that only offers you five speeds.

A better bet for petrol people is the Mokka we tried, the 140PS, 1.4-litre turbo. Sixty is just 9.4 seconds away enroute to 118mph, so it's usefully more rapid, and there's a healthier 200Nm of torque. Despite all this and the optional inclusion of 4WD, the provision of a six-speed gearbox and more modern mechanicals mean that this pokier 1.4 is actually cheaper to run than the feebler 1.6.

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The most practical engine choice though is the one most buyers will probably select, the 130PS, 1.6-litre CDTi diesel capable of a top speed of around 119mph and rest to 60mph in around 10 seconds. You get all the main mechanical choices with this unit – so you can specify your car with six-speed manual or automatic transmission and with or without 4WD. Perhaps more importantly, you get a lot more pulling power – 300Nm in all. Every Mokka is theoretically capable of towing a braked trailer of up to 1,200kg in weight, but this diesel variant is the only one that'll really take such a task in its stride.

This Mokka sets its own course amongst small crossovers. Though supermini-based, like a Nissan Juke, it's nearly as big inside as a family hatch-style crossover like Nissan's Qashqai. But whatever your thoughts about this car's size, you'll probably agree that the way this Mokka looks will go a long way towards selling it. Cute and individualistic without being wilfully outlandish in the manner of a rival Nissan Juke.

Under the skin are the underpinnings of a supermini – more specifically, the Chevrolet Aveo, mechanicals Chevrolet has also used in its Trax small lifestyle crossover that's one of this Vauxhall's sharpest rivals. In the back, the rear seats benefit from wide opening doors that simplify the fitment of a child seat, though that sharply rising waistline might restrict the view out for smaller occupants.

As for luggage room, well, there's no high boot lip to negotiate and beyond it lies 356-litres of carriage space – about the same as you'd get in a MINI Countryman but 30 per cent more than you'd get in a Nissan Juke.

So, this Mokka's a small, trendily-styled five-door little SUV/crossover isn't it? Well yes. So it'll be priced directly against the other car we tend of think of in this market sector, Nissan's Juke, won't it? Well, no. Vauxhall points out – correctly – that their car is a significantly larger thing – hence the price span for the range that lies in the £16,000 to £24,000 bracket. To put that into perspective for you, that means you'll be paying a price premium of around £2,500 for this Mokka over an equivalent Juke.

As far as cost of ownership is concerned, it would be fair to call this Mokka 'class competitive'. As you'd expect these days, a start/stop system is fitted across the range (though only on manual gearbox models) to cut the engine when you don't need it, stuck in traffic or waiting at the lights. As a result, even the oldest engine in the line-up, the 115PS, 1.6-litre petrol unit, doesn't lag too far behind its 1.6-litre petrol Nissan Juke or MINI Countryman rivals, returning 41.5mpg on the combined cycle and 158g/km of CO2. As for the 140PS, 1.4-litre petrol turbo 4x4 Mokka we tried, well despite the extra power and weight, the figures are nearly as good – 45.6mpg and 144g/km of CO2. Much pricier all-wheel drive petrol Juke and Countryman models use much bigger, thirstier, dirtier engines that don't ultimately take you much faster.

Stacking up even better is the Mokka in 1.6-litre CDTi 130PS diesel form. Thanks to 'Clean Tech' technology that optimises combustion control, NOx nitrogen oxide emissions are reduced and overall efficiency is dramatically improved. To the point where the figures for this variant – 65.7mpg on the combined cycle and 114g/km of CO2 – get close to those of a MINI Countryman Cooper D that, with around 20PS less, takes around a second longer to get you from rest to sixty.

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Is it time to make the switch?

Millions of drivers could be missing out on savings of around £860 per year in fuel and tax because myths still exist about running electric and plug-in hybrid cars.

The findings are the result of new research released today by Go Ultra Low, a joint initiative by the Government and the UK automotive industry.

According to the research, around 11.5 million motorists could benefit from the lowest cost, tax-free motoring by switching to pure electric vehicles, because in a typical year they don't drive further than 80 miles in a single trip.

Millions more could benefit from other ULEVs, which can travel between 150 and 700 miles between charges thanks to range-boosting petrol and diesel assistance.

The Go Ultra Low research shows that 70 percent of car owners are planning to change their car within the next four years, while three in ten say they have considered purchasing a ULEV. Two thirds of motorists under the age of 24 have considered a ULEV compared to just a quarter of drivers over 55.

The survey also reveals that the majority of motorists still don't fully understand how electrically-powered vehicles work and believe outdated myths across a number of topics, from range and charging to cost and practicality.

The survey discovered that a quarter of motorists misunderstand the range capabilities of ULEVs, with 16 percent believing electric vehicles are unable to travel 50 miles without recharging.

Yet the research also shows that more than a third of drivers said the furthest they drove in a single journey during 2014 was 80 miles or less.

With pure-electric vehicles able to travel up to 100 miles on a single charge and other plug-in ULEVs boasting up to 700 miles' range, the survey's authors claim electrically-powered cars are a viable, low-cost option for millions of motorists.

Go Ultra Low is a campaign to help motorists understand the benefits, cost savings and capabilities of the raft of new ultra-low emission vehicles on the market.

The collaborative campaign is the first of its kind, bringing together the Department for Transport, the Office for Low Emission Vehicles, SMMT and a consortium of leading car manufacturers: Audi, BMW, Mitsubishi, Nissan, Renault, Toyota, and Volkswagen.

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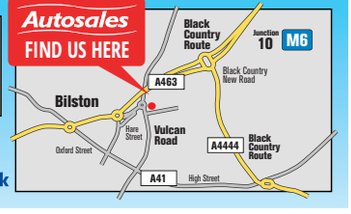

Going back to the future with the Viva from Vauxhall

By James Parker

This year will see VIVA, Vauxhall's all-new five-door entry-level model, arrive on the roads around Wolverhampton.

In celebration, Evans Halshaw is taking a trip down memory lane to look back at the model's first incarnation whilst acknowledging the awe-inspiring design, performance and technology of the upcoming arrival bearing the same name.

Vauxhall recently released the first official pictures of the latest five-seater addition to its small car range, which will be joining the fashionable ADAM and popular Corsa supermini when it arrives in the spring.

Ben Vale, dealer principal at the dealership on Bilston Street, comments: "With a name that pays homage to Vauxhall's original Viva, which was produced from 1963 to 1979, the all-new VIVA shares the original's philosophy of clean lines, durability and practicality."

Looking back...

Launched in 1963, the Viva HA was the smallest-engined car that Vauxhall had made since before the First World War, and was known for being strong, reliable, spacious and inexpensive to run.

The HA went into production in Luton in 1963 and was the first car to be manufactured at Vauxhall's plant in Ellesmere Port. Production of the HA ran until 1966 and over 300,000 units were built.

Customers at the time had a choice of two models; a basic saloon and a De-Luxe model, which was distinguished by a chrome strip along the side of the car. A short while after, in 1965, the SL and SL90 versions were introduced, and sported a slightly different grille, a colour flash along the side and triple rear lights.

Vauxhall then went on to produce the Viva HB, which had a fresh approach to styling and sold over half a million units in four years. The Viva HC came next and was larger with an inch extra in wheelbase, length and width. The HC spawned two well-known performance derivatives; the Magnum and the Firenza.

...To the future

Step forward over three decades and the new VIVA, which goes on sale in spring, has been truly designed for modern, everyday life, offering practicality and exceptional attention to detail.

Upon its arrival, it will be the latest model in the range to display Vauxhall's sculptured, precise design cues, including strong feature lines swooping down the sides, a signature 'blade' slicing through the doors and a distinctive winged chrome bar that presents the manufacturer's badge.

Today's customers of the VIVA will be able to choose from ten exterior paint colours and a variety of 14- to 16-inch wheels.

When it comes to power and performance, the VIVA will be the latest Vauxhall to feature its new 1.0-litre three-cylinder ECOTEC engine. Specially-developed for VIVA, the 75PS powertrain will be smooth, punchy and efficient, and mated to a slick five-speed transmission.

VIVA's chassis and steering have been developed to provide exceptional safety and class-leading comfort, too.

VIVA will have its finger well and truly on the button. The model will come fully-connected thanks to Vauxhall's IntelliLink infotainment system, which will allow seamless integration of Apple iOS and Android devices.

A feature that VIVA will share with its ADAM and Corsa cohorts is 'City mode', which reduces steering effort at the push of a button. Park Assist alerts the driver to obstacles whilst parking, plus there's optional cruise control, sunroof, fog lights, heated front seats and heated steering wheel.

Ben Vale adds: "Available to order later this year at an extremely attractive price point, VIVA promises to give Vauxhall an unrivalled position in the small car market. We look forward to the arrival of what we are confident will be a real head-turner, not to mention a game-changer!"

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Kia's redesigned Rio now a grand supermini with a host of attractions

Kia's supermini, the Rio, now benefits from a package of design, trim and specification upgrades which make it even more the car of choice for buyers looking for style, quality and value in a compact package.

Redesigned front and rear bumpers have given the Rio a sharper, sportier appearance.

Meanwhile changes to the upholstery of most models and to the centre fascia trim have raised perceived quality to new heights; while new items like touchscreen satellite navigation, electrically adjusted and heated door mirrors, a DAB digital radio, tyre pressure monitoring and a luggage net and undertray – depending on model – add to the well-being and convenience of owners.

A striking new Urban Blue colour option, replacing Electric Blue, is available on second – and third-tier models, and there are distinctive new 16- and 17-inch alloy wheels for all but the two entry-level grades. The 16-inch wheels on grade 2 wear 195/55 R 16 tyres, while the 17-inch rims on level 3 and 4 models are shod with 205/45 R 17 rubber.

The new Rio is offered in a total of 19 versions based on three- and five-door body styles, five trim grades (1, 1 Air, 2, 3 and 4) and four engines. Most manual versions have Intelligent Stop & Go (ISG), Kia's fuel-saving, emissions-reducing engine stop/start system, which contributes towards the 1.1-litre diesel model achieving an official fuel economy figure of up to 88.3mpg – better than any non-electric car on sale in the UK, including hybrids and eco-specials, at the time of its introduction in the car.

For the convenience of buyers who spend a lot of time driving in cities or who have disabilities, automatic transmission is offered with the 1.4-litre petrol engine.

The Kia Rio's acclaimed styling has been given a sportier edge for 2015 with revisions to both the front and rear. The lower front air intake has been redesigned, as have the front fog light housings, which feature twin chromed horizontal bars. The rear bumper has also been modernised and incorporates a new number plate strip and restyled reflectors.

Grades 1 and 1 Air now have electrically adjustable and heated door mirrors, while in grades 2, 3 and 4 these also fold electrically and have LED indicators. Grades 3 and 4 also now have a luggage net and undertray, providing more secure storage for small items.

The Rio continues with an unchanged line-up of four engines. Besides the 1.1-litre CRDi engine, which delivers 74bhp and 170Nm of torque from a mere 1,500rpm, the Rio is available with 1.25-litre and 1.4-litre petrol engines and a 1.4-litre CRDi diesel. While the 1.1-litre three-cylinder CRDi will capture the headlines with fuel economy of more than 74mpg and CO2 figures below 100g/km for every model to which it is fitted, all four engines in the Rio are frugal, lively and kind to the environment. EcoDynamics technologies are standard on all Rio diesels and the 1.4-litre petrol models with manual transmission.

The 1.4-litre four-cylinder diesel engine is from the same U2 family as the 1.1. It develops 89bhp and 220Nm of torque. Economy and emissions figures are 70.6mpg and just 105 g/km of CO2.

Legroom

The entry-level petrol engine in the Rio is the 1.25-litre Kappa unit, which develops 84bhp and 121Nm of torque. The 1.4-litre alternative is from the Gamma family and develops 107bhp and 137Nm of torque. It offers buyers the convenience of an automatic gearbox as an option to the standard

The long wheelbase and wide cabin ensure excellent legroom and shoulder space, and despite the low roofline there is generous headroom. The wide luggage area has an overall capacity of 288 litres and is supplemented by useful, bespoke storage areas throughout the cabin. The 60:40 split rear seats fold down when additional cargo space is needed.

All Rio models enjoy exactly the same standard safety specification. The package includes the potentially life-saving feature of electronic stability control (ESC), which stabilises the car when road conditions or driving style might cause it to go out of control by braking one or more wheels, reducing engine torque, or both.

Every Rio has a comprehensive specification. In addition to the new features added in the 2015 facelift, standard features include daytime running lights, speed-variable front wipers, headlamp levelling, front electric windows, a height-adjustable driver's seat, two-way steering column adjustment on the petrol model (tilt only on the diesel), a tachometer and trip computer. Bluetooth is also standard on the entry-level petrol model, and on all versions with other trim grades.

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All-new i40 for Europe revealed

Hyundai Motor has introduced its new i40 Tourer and Saloon, enhancing the brand's product line-up in Europe's competitive D-segment.

A flagship car for Hyundai Motor in Europe at its launch, the original i40 has achieved sales of 100,000 units and played an important role in changing customers' perceptions of the Hyundai brand.

The new i40 now features refined exterior styling, an upgraded range of responsive, efficient diesel engines, the addition of a new seven-speed dual-clutch transmission, improvements in ride and handling and several 'first-for-Hyundai' active safety and convenience features. Many of the new technologies were first seen on the new Hyundai Genesis.

Designed and engineered at the company's European R&D headquarters in Rüsselsheim, Germany, the refreshed design for New i40 retains the distinctive visual appeal and practicality of the original model, combining practicality with engaging design.

Exterior enhancements include an updated design for front and rear lamps, a more sophisticated hexagonal grille, a new front bumper, and new integrated LED fog lamps as introduced in Genesis. The profile is refreshed by newly-designed 16- and 18-inch alloy wheels.

New i40 is available with an enhanced engine line-up of two Euro6-compliant diesel power units from 115 PS up to 141 PS. These have been re-engineered to deliver increased responsiveness and efficiency.

A new seven-speed dual-clutch transmission is available for the upgraded 1.7-litre diesel engine with 141 PS. It provides improved fuel efficiency, and offers drivers fully automatic operation or manual gear changes through paddles on the steering wheel for greater driver involvement.

Technologies included: Integrated Stop & Go (ISG), alternator management system, and active front flaps help to further reduce emissions and fuel consumption.

For better cornering and to improve the overall agility, the New i40 now offers Advanced Traction Cornering Control (ATCC) (subject to market specification). The system uses electronic sensors to emulate the behaviour of a limited-slip differential during cornering, providing additional traction, better grip and improved handling.

New i40's Drive Mode settings are enhanced by the new Rear Electronic Damping Control System (ECS) (subject to market specification), which will be equipped on the rear axle of the most popular New i40 body type – the Tourer. The driver will also be able to adapt the suspension settings through the drive modes to suit his driving style. In addition to the rear suspension, the steering, the transmission logic* and throttle response* are all influenced by the selection. This technology follows the electronic damping control introduced on the Genesis.

Safety

Hyundai has expanded the comprehensive list of available active and passive safety technologies for the New i40 even further.

As well as the existing Lane Keep Assist System, additional functions include the new Smart High Beam (SHB) system (available subject to market specification), which monitors approaching traffic and automatically turns off the high beam to avoid dazzling other drivers. This system was first seen on the premium Genesis model.

The new Speed Limit Identification Function system checks roadside signs and displays a current speed limit alert to the driver via the new TFT display on the instrument panel. It is the first time Hyundai is bringing this technology to its line-up. (available subject to market specification)

Also introduced in the New i40 is the company's latest navigation technology with enhanced touchscreen functionality and new visualisation for better usability. The two new audio systems are available with several new features including DAB technology for the top version.

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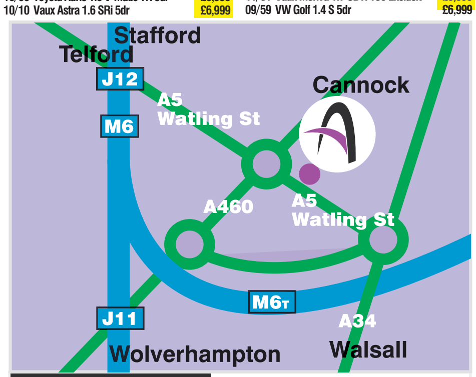

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Date: 12 February 2015

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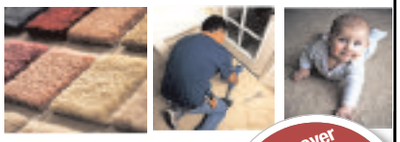

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Smith is looking towards play-offs

DEAN Smith is targeting a Banks's double to launch Walsall into the heart of the League One play-off race.

The Saddlers boss wants to see his team replicate their excellent away form before welcoming Port Vale at the weekend.

Saturday's 2-0 win at Doncaster was their fifth in a seven-game unbeaten league run on the road, which now stretches back more than three months.

But at home they have taken just one point from the last 12 and Smith knows that must change if they are to become genuine top six contenders.

"We have two games in a week and it is important to get back to winning ways at home," he said.

"Our performances have been good, we just need to turn them into results. We have played better in some of our performances at home and not won games like we did at Doncaster on Saturday."

Victory at the Keepmoat Stadium, where the Saddlers also kept their fourth straight away clean sheet in all competitions, saw them jump four places up to 12th and just three points adrift of the play-off spots. Smith is becoming increasingly encouraged by his attacking options.

Villa score but fall closer to drop zone

Villa 1 Chelsea 2

Football

BRANISLAV Ivanovic's rocket gave Chelsea a crucial 2-1 win at Aston Villa – despite the hosts ending their 11-hour goal drought.

Defender Ivanovic now has five goals in his last seven games against Villa and handed Chelsea an advantage in the title race.

Jores Okore had cancelled out Eden Hazard's opener as Villa scored for the first time in the league in exactly 11 hours.

But defeat left them hovering perilously close to the drop zone having tasted victory just twice in their last 20 league matches.

Boss Paul Lambert gambled to end Villa's goal woes and dropped Christian Benteke as Gabby Agbonlahor returned with Aly Cissokho and Ashley Westwood.

Juan Cuadrado was on the Chelsea bench after his move from Fiorentina while Didier Drogba and Gary Cahill returned but Cesc Fabregas failed to recover from a hamstring injury.

Mourinho had never won at Villa but was given a perfect start when Chelsea went ahead after just eight minutes.

Oscar was gifted the freedom of Villa Park to scamper down the right and he found fellow Brazilian Willian.

The midfielder was allowed time to pick out Hazard, who darted ahead of Alan Hutton, and the Belgian swept in from eight yards.

It was a goal of pure simplicity but one which left Villa standing.

An early lead granted Chelsea the luxury of patience and home goalkeeper Brad Guzan had to save from Oscar and Cahill in quick succession with the visitors barely in second gear.

Agbonlahor headed over but it was a token effort from Villa, who lacked ideas and vibrancy.

They were more organised in defence than the side thumped 5-0 at Arsenal the week before but Chelsea were content to play at a pedestrian pace.

Ciaran Clark's goal-saving challenge did deny a lurking Ramires seven minutes before the break, though.

But the visitors were made to pay three minutes after the break.

Tom Cleverley's shot deflected over and from the resulting corner Villa ended their drought.

Carles Gil's cross was returned to him, a neat shimmy beat Cesar Azpilicueta and he crossed for the unmarked Okore to nod in at the far post.

Villa Park erupted for the hosts' first league goal since December 20 and it lifted Lambert's side.

Willian twice fired inches wide as Mourinho's men mounted a response but Villa were re-energised.

They failed to breach the Blues again though and Ivanovic fired in a stylish winner on 66 minutes.

Villa failed to clear after Azpilicueta's barnstorming run and the defender crossed for Ivanovic to arrow a brilliant 16-yard half volley into the top corner.

It was a deserved second for Chelsea who, despite Villa's efforts, remained on top.

Deadline-day capture Cuadrado made his debut late on for Chelsea .

Blues are unable to grab chances

Fulham 1 Blues 1

BIRMINGHAM manager Gary Rowett was disappointed his side couldn't capitalise on a host of first-half chances to seal all three points against Fulham.

In an even encounter at Craven Cottage the two sides were forced to settle for a 1-1 draw to leave both teams off the pace for the play-offs.

Despite falling behind to a fourth minute strike from Hugo Rodallega, Rowett saw his side level thanks to a 15th minute free-kick from David Cotterill that deceived home keeper Marcus Bettinelli.

Rowett felt his side could have claimed victory if their finishing had been more ruthless. He said: "The first half we started a bit slow and conceded the goal, which obviously we are disappointed with.

"But we showed brilliant character to get back in the game with a great piece of quality from David Cotterill.

"I think from there on in we were by far the better team.

"We counter-attacked with real verve and pace and quality and I think we had five clear chances, the best chances of the game and we really should have scored. As an attacking force that is as well as we have played."

Steelmen show their mettle in derby clash

Bilston TN 4 W-ton SC 2

FOR almost an hour Bilston were the perfect hosts, allowing neighbours Wolverhampton Sporting Community to take the lead.

The home side had barely had a shot on target despite dominating most of the possession. But it all changed in the final third of the match, with a goal spree from the Steelmen giving them the points .

Football

The game started well enough for Bilston, with debutant Jake Webb firing a shot into the side netting after just five minutes, and from a 15th-minute corner Hayes saw his effort cleared off the line.

All of that early pressure though brought no rewards, and Bilston had a warning after 25 minutes when a long ball forward found James Quarry in on goal, but his snatched shot flew high and wide.

Just two minutes later a similar direct ball saw Bilston keeper James Gettings colide with James Delaney to concede a penalty, which Quarry duly converted.

Despite Bilston controlling possession, Sporting's long ball tactic continued to create problems in the home defence, with Delaney the main beneficiary, though he failed to capitalise on several occasions.

Nick Turton came off the bench to start the second half for Bilston, and his arrival almost brought immediate rewards, his first-minute effort bringing a great save from the Sporting keeper, but within two minutes, another long ball saw Delaney on the end of it to score and put Sporting 2-0 ahead.

Five minutes later another similar move saw a Delaney 'goal' ruled out for offside.

Bilston were still dominant in possession, and finally got some reward on the hour.

Scott Sandland worked the ball down the right flank and his teasing cross was met by the onrushing Turton to halve the deficit.

Within a minute the Steelmen were level, after Turton was upended in the box and Leon Pugh converted the penalty.

That goal turned the game on its head, and despite Quarry forcing a tremendous save from Gettings, it was all Bilston.

With 15 minutes remaining, Webb hit an unbelievable shot from 25 yards that dipped in under the bar to give Bilston the lead, and just two minutes later the result was sealed, after Turton was again felled in the box. Although Pugh's penalty was parried by the keeper, Liam Morris netted the rebound to complete an impressive comeback.

Elsewhere in the division, Dudley Town claimed a 3-2 win at Malvern Town, but Black Country Rangers went down 4-1 at second-placed AFC Bridgnorth.

Cradley v Pegasus, Dudley Sports v Gornal, Wednesfield v Sporting Khalsa, and Willenhall v Smethwick Rangers were postponed.

ScorerJordy promises even better things

Paths cross – scorer Jordy Hiwula with Jordan Cook, whose cross he converted to put Walsall two up

GOAL hero Jordy Hiwula has promised the best is yet to come after beginning his Walsall career with a bang.

The 20-year-old took just four minutes to find the net on debut, after coming on as a substitute in Saturday's 2-0 win at Doncaster.

And Hiwula, who joined the Saddlers last week on a month-long loan from Manchester City, believes he will only get better the more he gets to know his new team-mates. "This is just the start," he said.

"I didn't have my first training session at Walsall until Thursday but I will train even more with the lads this week.

"It's about being around my team-mates, getting used to them and what they are doing. Hopefully I can bed in even more."

Hiwula headed home Jordan Cook's cross with 20 minutes to go at the Keepmoat Stadium to put the Saddlers two up and set them on course for their fifth win in seven away league games. And he added: "I had two touches prior to the goal.

"We worked the ball well out wide and then I saw the cross coming, so I just made the run in front of the defender and it went in.

"It wasn't the easiest of finishes and I just wanted to get a good connection on the ball. It managed to go in and I'm happy with that."

Manager Dean Smith expressed his delight at the new man's instant impact.

Saddlers boss Dean Smith said: "It's a great introduction for him."

Albion ace Mulumbu gets medal

ALBION'S Youssouf Mulumbu picked up a medal as DR Congo ended their African Nations Cup campaign on a high with a penalty shootout victory against hosts Equatorial Guinea in the third-place play-off.

Neither side could find a goal in regulation time at the Nuevo Estadio de Malabo so the match went to penalties.

And after Equatorial Guinea missed their first two spot-kicks, Cedric Mongongu converted DR Congo's fourth to earn the Leopards victory and a third-placed finish.

The match took place two days after violence marred Thursday's semi-final between Ghana and Equatorial Guinea at the same venue.

A reported 36 Ghana fans were hurt after coming under attack from home supporters towards the end of that encounter but, thankfully, there was no repeat on Saturday.

Colts face fifth round tough test

WOLVERHAMPTON'S under-19 side face a tough task in the fifth round of the National Colts Cup.

Wolverhampton beat Birmingham and Solihull 22-12 to get this far.

But now they play host to Hull Ionians on a date to be fixed with a place in the quarter-finals at stake.

With three leagues between the two clubs' first XVs, the Wolverhampton youth have everything to prove when they represent the city.

Hull Ionians have lost three of their last five league games, and find themselves one place above bottom in the five-team U19 Senior Colts premier division.

Wolves Colts have been far more consistent, managing to win their last eight North Mids Colts Sunday Division games in a row. They sit at the top of the league.

In the National Colts Plate, Dudley Kingswinford will travel to Wharfedale in Yorkshire.

Jackett wants win formula

KENNY JACKETT described Wolves as "average" while admitting he is still searching for a winning formula.

The Molineux head coach believes his team have been below-par for three games but believes they can improve.

"Our performances have been average and we can do better," said Jackett.

"I don't think we've been right up there for three or four games.

"I don't think there was any lack of effort on Saturday, but I felt from the games against Charlton and Bolton we needed to improve."

Baggies salvage their poor performance

Burnley 2 Albion 2

FROM a seemingly doomed position, Albion salvaged a point from a show of spirit that Tony Pulis can only pray injects some confidence and momentum into his dispirited ranks.

In the first half the Baggies were awful. In the second they were average at best.

But against the odds and out of nowhere, they emerged from the north west with a draw that felt like a victory by the time they boarded their team coach for the journey back down the M6.

And on a day when nothing else he saw would have filled him with optimism, Pulis will be crossing his fingers that Brown Ideye's 67th-minute equaliser can give both player and team an infusion of belief that was so patently lacking for most of the latest grim showing. For the majority of the game, Albion's display was every bit as poor as anything that has gone before this season, under both Alan Irvine and Pulis.

They were disjointed, disorganised and at times shambolic at the back and, once the Clarets had raced into a 2-0 lead inside 32 minutes, there appeared to be no way back for a Baggies side with slumped shoulders and scrambled brains.

So to salvage a share of the spoils was not only an admirable show of unity but also a potential rallying point from which Pulis can galvanise his troops.

The solid debut from new captain Darren Fletcher offered signs of encouragement, as did a lively substitute's display from Saido Berahino.

Burnley made the early running and Danny Ings tried his luck on six minutes.

Albion had made a dreadful start and they were grateful to keeper Ben Foster for a fantastic save on eight minutes.

But that was only a temporary let-off for the Baggies, who fell behind moments later thanks to some shocking defending.

A cross from the right found Ings, who helped it back across goal for Ashley Barnes to out jump Chris Baird and head home.

Albion failed to gain any kind of foothold and were forced to use Berahino in the 18th minute when Victor Anichebe's injury curse struck again and he was forced off.

It did not get any better for Pulis' men, however, and they fell further behind on 32 minutes thanks to more inexplicably shocking defending.

Brunt stood and watched with his arm in the air as Boyd burst past him down the right.

The winger's cross found Ings, who darted between two defenders to score.

Albion showed nothing for the remainder of the half but they somehow gained themselves a lifeline in the dying seconds of first-half stoppage time.

Callum McManaman delivered an excellent corner from the left and Brunt arrived at the far post to bundle it home.

They were unable to pick up the momentum at the start of the second half despite a positive half-time change that saw Ideye replace the struggling Baird.

But out of nowhere they forced two corners and drew level from the second.

Brunt delivered it and Ideye glanced a header inside the far post.

Lions grabs close game

Wolves 5 Lions 7

THE Lions won again on the road at Wolves in a close game,.

The Lions controlled most of the game apart from isolated patches of pressure from the home side.

Wolves scored first, a fine try from their full back, who chipped and chased and won the race to the ball after 10 minutes. An easy conversion missed and the rest of the half belonged to the Lions.

After 30 minutes, a fine move ended with a try by Josh Trinham. A great conversion from near the touchline by Ben Trinham provided the winning score of the game.

Old Wulfs suffer revenge attack from Blox

Hockey

Bloxwich 5 Old Wulfs 1

FOR the Bloxwich Men's Hockey First XI, games do not get much bigger than the Showdown at Sneyd played out on a frosty Saturday morning .

After Bloxwich took a good beating in Wolverhampton last time these two sides met, Bloxwich were ready for revenge and wanted to take three points from the league leaders in what would prove to be a tense match.

The game started quickly with Old Wulfs making the better start and winning a short corner early on. Bloxwich's defence held excellently, to start with, and continued to shut out the Old Wulfs attack for the rest of the game.

As a ball was stopped on the line by an Old Wulfs foot, Bloxwich were awarded a penalty flick that Phil Ashcroft dispatched effortlessly.

The game continued to move at a quick pace and Bloxwich kept pushing forward with some excellent runs all around the pitch in their search for the victory over their rivals. Phil Ashcroft earned his man of the match award with another well-worked goal and Bloxwich took a 2-0 lead into half time.

Things got nervy for Bloxwich as coach and Chief Barbarian, Steve Mallows, earned 10 minutes on the sidelines after a yellow card.

Bloxwich kept their shape at the back and managed to add another goal to their tally with Jake Perkins deflecting in a well-struck Matt Whitehouse hit.

Old Wulfs got one back to make it 3-1 but Bloxwich held and continued to push as the semi-retired Alex Strickland scored his first Bloxwich goal in three years.

To finish off a comprehensive 5-1 victory for the boys in red and black, Tom Hyde knocked in the fifth goal whilst protecting his face from a Steve Mallows topped hit.

Bloxwich now have their promotion hopes back on track.

Old Wulfrunians 2nd XI 5 Wednesbury 1

Scorers were Andrew Cooper, George Jandu, Chris Nightingale, Richard Roberts, Chris Tibble.

Old Wulfrunians 5th XI 1
Old Wulfrunians 4th XI 0

Scorer Sam Aldersley.

Worcester Badgers 3
Old Wulfrunians Badgers 0

Ricky's delight at return to Wolves

THE final piece in Wolves Speedway's 2015 Elite League jigsaw has spoken of his delight at signing – and the shock he got when dropped last season.

Ricky Wells has been a regular for the Parrys International Wolves since joining the club in 2011.

But the 23-year-old lost his spot last July in a shuffle that took club legend Peter Karlsson back to Monmore Green.

Ironically, the Californian later picked up a guest booking for Wolves against Eastbourne – and made a statement with a big 13+1 tally before top-scoring in the Retro Fours event.

Wells admitted he was surprised to be axed. "At the time, a little bit," he said.

"I knew there had to be changes made.

"It was a surprise. I can't really use the word I'm thinking of at the moment!

"But I got the call to get a guest booking for Wolverhampton and wanted to show what I could do.

"I got a bit lucky, it wasn't against the strongest team in the league, but that was good to close on." Wells is delighted to return, but was making no assumptions. "I wasn't expecting it – but I definitely wanted it."

Tomasz is feeling 'part of the family'

TOMASZ Kuszczak thanked the Wolves fans for their understanding and insisted: "I'm part of the family now".

The former Albion keeper was given a tremendous reception on his debut on Saturday, in his first game for eight months after leaving Brighton in May. Kuszczak produced a man-of-the-match performance in the 2-1 defeat against Reading.

Football

This even though his first duty, by way of a baptism of fire, was to pick the ball out of the net following Pavel Pogrebnyak's 19-second opener .

The 32-year-old became the first player to cross the Black Country and play for Wolves after representing the Baggies since Paul Edwards in 1994 – although Joleon Lescott made the opposite journey in the summer – and was delighted with the welcome he received.

"It just shows that everyone understands the situation," said Kuszczak. "As soon as I signed the contract for Wolves I said 'I'm part of the family' and I am.

"I signed the contract here because I think it's a great club, and it's a positive move for me where I can see my career progress.

"Football was my dream and it's my job – I played for West Brom and gave 100 per cent and I play for Wolves and give 100 per cent too.

"The change of clubs doesn't change the way I play.

"Some players are lucky to stay at one club for their whole career but there aren't many of them.

"So as a professional you have to accept moving around and it doesn't matter which club I play for, I always give 100 per cent and try to make the supporters happy."

Kuszczak is set for an extended run in the team with Carl Ikeme out for up to eight weeks.

And the former Manchester United stopper wants to earn a new deal with his contract up at the end of the season.

"We'll see what happens," he said. "First of all I have to do well."

Kuszczak believes the early goal rocked Wolves on Saturday.

"The game was difficult because we conceded such an early goal," he added. "It looked like everyone was surprised by it.

"We didn't create many clear-cut chances and in the second half, I made quite a few saves and they kept coming at us."

"The more chances you create, the more the possibility of scoring and that was what happened.

"Reading had more chances and scored two and we only got one," said Kuszczak.

W&B men's team run all the way to promotion

Wolverhampton & Bilston Men's Team who have won promotion to the First Division

WOLVERHAMPTON & Bilston AC Men's Team secured promotion to Division 1 of the Birmingham & District Cross Country League with the fourth and final race at Aldersley this week.

Hosted by Wolves & Bilston AC, the Wolves ladies weren't to be out done with a fifth place finish overall in the Midlands Women's League and the Women's Masters (over-35s) finished second in their final fixture.

A testing course was used on the WV Active (Aldersley Leisure Village) sports field. The men were racing six miles and the women 4.5.

Ross Jones (W&B) from Fordhouses led the Wolves men's team with his first victory in the league. Ross the reigning Midlands area 3,000m track champion of last yea- ropened up a gap on training partners Lee Slater (Dash) and Martin Williams (W&B) as the three of them initially broke away from the 233 finishers in the men's race.

Jones, Williams and Slater are part of Terry Guy's endurance squad based at W&B.

Jones edged away from Williams after two miles as Slater hung on for another mile before Jones opened up a 150m gap on Slater to take the win. Slater finished second and Williams third. Wolves secured first place and promotion.

Jackett defends match changes

KENNY JACKETT has defended his tinkering and insisted the play-offs remain a realistic target – but admitted Wolves have lost their "sparkle".

The head coach made five changes for Saturday's clash with Reading but Wolves lost their eight-match unbeaten run as they were beaten 2-1.

Wolves are now five points off the top six in eighth place and face trips to bogey team Huddersfield tomorrow and Norwich on Saturday.

Jackett replaced the injured Carl Ikeme and Scott Golbourne with Tomasz Kuszczak and Kortney Hause at the weekend and also drafted in Matt Doherty, Lee Evans and Bakary Sako for Dominic Iorfa, Jack Price and Nouha Dicko.

But he insisted the changes weren't due to the heavy schedule this week.

"No. It was all about Saturday, to try to win the game and get us back into it," he said.

"At the start of the second half we weren't in a bad position, drawing 1-1 at home.

"We couldn't get enough going – we looked flat – and that was the frustration."

"We didn't sparkle on Saturday."

Ideye feels bad about his form

RECORD signing Brown Ideye has vowed to make the most of his surprise second chance at Albion as he admitted: "I've not been good enough".

The £10m man scored just the third goal of his Hawthorns career as he helped the Baggies salvage a 2-2 draw at Burnley on Sunday – less than a week after looking destined for the exit door.

Ideye was poised to move to Qatari outfit Al Gharafi on transfer deadline day but the deal was pulled at the 11th hour .

"Since I came here I have not been the Brown Ideye people know – and I feel bad about it," he said.

"I should be on top of my game."

Bad luck at home, says boss Smith

DEAN SMITH says his team have been "unfortunate" in recent home games.

The Saddlers have not won at the Banks's Stadium for five games.

But manager Smith, whose team are unbeaten in seven league games on the road, believes fortune has not always favoured them in front of their own fans.

"I do think we have been unfortunate in recent home games," he said.

"I always say you can't control the result and only your performance.

"But last Sunday against Gillingham I thought we should have been out of sight at half-time.

"It is all about getting that early goal. If we get it we can kick on."

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Women knocked out of FA Cup run

FA Women's Cup
Third Round
Wolves 0
Charlton Athletic 2

WOLVES Women crashed out of the FA Women's Cup as they fell to defeat away at Charlton.

A competitive opening half an hour saw both sides battle for control, with Charlton the first to force an effort on target, with Natalie Hall saving well.

Wolves responded with pressure of their own, as Charlotte Jones drove at the Addicks defence, before having her shot saved by the keeper.

Charlton broke the deadlock on the stroke of half time, hitting Wolves on the break as Sam Pittuck raced through before slotting in past Hall.

Wolves were caught cold from the restart, as Charley Clifford was allowed to turn, before firing across goal into the bottom corner to effectively put the game away.

From there on in both sides struggled to create any meaningful chances, as Wolves made too many mistakes in possession and as they toiled to provide an attacking threat which was never manifested.

Wolves's closest attempt came as Jenny Kikomeko headed narrowly over from a Jen Anslow free-kick.

Early goals seal victory

W-ton Casuals 2
Haughmond 0

WOLVERHAMPTON Casuals stretched their unbeaten run to six West Midlands Premier League games with a home win over Haughmond.

The outcome of the match was settled in the first 15 minutes.

Casuals got off to a flying start by taking a third-minute lead.

New-boy Mark Habbershaw found Dan Westwood with a superb pass for Westwood to go on and beat two defenders then slot the ball past Sam Jones.

Habbershaw added a second goal in the 15th minute with a tap-in after Westwood's shot had rebounded off Jones.

Jones kept the Shropshire side's thin hope alive with three outstanding saves from Angelo Franco, Scott Embrey and Westwood.

Let's start all over again, says skipper Batth

Football

CAPTAIN Danny Batth wants Wolves to start another unbeaten run as they prepare to hit the road this week.

Saturday's 2-1 defeat at home to Reading ended a sequence of eight league games without a loss, the longest at this level since the club record 21-match unbeaten run under Glenn Hoddle in 2005.

Wolves travel to play-off rivals Norwich on Saturday. Batth challenged his teammates to make themselves hard to beat again to close the five-point gap to the play-off places.

"I said to the lads in the dressing room we've been on a good run, now let's start another one," said the skipper. "We've got plenty of time and we've got enough games left.

"We've got two big matches this week and it's a chance to take six points, so there's nothing that can stop us. It's down to us."

The 24-year-old defender made his 150th full League appearance at the weekend, the last 75 of them consecutively.

Head coach Kenny Jackett made five changes but Batth said the players are confident in each other's ability.

"That's the manager's selection but we're confident in whoever he picks to deliver," he said.

Wolves again struggled to create chances, but Batth feels the efforts of the players will be rewarded.

"If we'd have kept the two goals out we'd have won 1-0," he said.

"So it's a team effort and we've got to keep working hard and keep giving the forward players good balls to deal with.

"Look at Rajiv's cross for Benik's goal – it was excellent and he has that in his locker.

"We've just got to keep asking players to keep doing their best.

"Benik worked his socks off and credit too to Nouha Dicko – he tried to do all he could and that sums up the team spirit we've got here. If things aren't going our way, we'll all dig in and have a go."

Batth insists supporters retain the belief that the team can reach the play-offs. "I fully believe the fans are behind us and they can see what we're trying to do," he said. "They know it's a rocky road, but we'll keep going."

READING STEM WOLVES STREAK

Wolves 1 Reading 2

WOLVES' eight-match unbeaten run in the league came to an end on Saturday.

However, no one watching this could be surprised. Kenny Jackett's side have got away without losing since December 6 despite a dearth of chances.

Football

This time they were up against a Reading outfit who have looked far better than their league position suggests on both occasions this season, they came unstuck.

And no one of a Wolves persuasion could have any complaints.

For the second successive home game and third match in a row, they were stodgy, predictable and lacking a creative spark.

Jackett appears to be caught between a rock and a hard place at the moment.

After their sobering November where he changed things, Wolves are now much more solid and playing their football higher up the pitch.

Dropping

But Championship sides are clever and with the pace in the team of Benik Afobe, Rajiv Van La Parra and Bakary Sako, teams are dropping off them and not allowing them any space.

Even the return of Bakary Sako failed to spark the home side.

The powerful winger was denied from a rare header, when his effort hit keeper Adam Federici then was hacked off the line by Nathaniel Chalobah in the 26th minute. By then Wolves were trailing to one of Molineux's quickest ever goals after Pavel Pogrebnyak volleyed the visitors in front after just 19 seconds after being put through by former Albion striker Simon Cox.

It gave debutant keeper Tomasz Kuszczak no chance, with the Pole's first task to pick the ball out of the net just moments after he had been given a generous welcome from the South Bank.

Afobe equalised when he glanced home a pinpoint cross from Van La Parra.

But Wolves never really looked like building on their goal, and the former Arsenal youngster's header wide from Sako's free-kickwas the only other time they threatened before half-time.

After the interval, things briefly looked up when Dave Edwards glanced wide but then, Reading pretty much controlled the game and created numerous chances to give Kuszczak a busy debut.

It was all Reading by now and after the dangerous Gareth McCleary fired well over, Danny Williams capped off a neat move with a sidefooted finish .

Benik Afobe of Wolverhampton Wanderers celebrates after scoring a goal to make it 1-1

Wolves 'have lost sparkle'

KENNY Jackett defended his tinkering and insisted the play-offs remain a realistic target – but admitted Wolves have lost their "sparkle".

The head coach made five changes for Saturday's clash with Reading but Wolves lost their eight-match unbeaten run as they were beaten 2-1.

Wolves are now five points off the top six in eighth place and face trips to bogey team Huddersfield tomorrow and Norwich on Saturday.

Jackett replaced the injured Carl Ikeme and Scott Golbourne with Tomasz Kuszczak and Kortney Hause at the weekend and also drafted in Matt Doherty, Lee Evans and Bakary Sako for Dominic Iorfa, Jack Price and Nouha Dicko.

But he insisted the changes weren't due to the heavy schedule this week.

"No. It was all about Saturday, to try to win the game and get us back into it," he said.

"At the start of the second half we weren't in a bad position, drawing 1-1 at home.

"We couldn't get enough going – we looked flat – and that was the frustration."

No guarantees over Cleverley

VILLA midfielder Tom Cleverley is not guaranteed a starting role, says boss Paul Lambert.

Cleverley, on loan from Man Utd, was jeered by some home support when he was substituted in Saturday's 2-1 loss to Chelsea.

Lambert said: "You try and pick a team you think will win a game."

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